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On the Web

`gdp.csail.mit.edu/
6838_spring_2019.html`

+ piazza

Register ASAP!

Deliverables

1. **Four** homeworks (40%)

Written + coding

2. **One** project (40%)

Instructions already online

3. **Biweekly** nanoquizzes (10%)

Designed to be easy!

4. **Biweekly** readings (10%)

New experiment: Paragraph summary + ?'s

Late Days

Three days.

- After: Lose 25% / day
- Cannot use for project
- S³ must approve exceptions

Course Project

- Instructions on course website
- Individual or groups of two
- **Implement** and **extend** a relevant technique
- Milestones:
 - **Proposal** (500 words)
 - **Checkpoint** (≤ 2 pages)
 - **Writeup** (6-10 pages)
 - **Presentation** (8-10 minutes)

Start early:
**We will
help you!**

Schedule

GDP @ MIT: Courses

Not secure | groups.csail.mit.edu/gdpgroup/6838_spring_2019.html

Schedule:

The following is a **highly tentative** lecture schedule for 6.838. It will be updated dynamically as the course proceeds. The list of topics is ambitious and likely to be shortened; if there are topics you feel strongly should be included/emphasized/added, feel free to contact Justin with this information.

Links to slides, Youtube videos of lectures, and homeworks will be posted on this spreadsheet as the course proceeds.

6.838: Shape Analysis (Spring 2019) : Schedule

Date	Lecture/Event	Nanoquizzes	Reading assign	Course theme	Nanoquiz	Youtube	Jus
2/5/2019	Introduction			Introduction			
2/7/2019	Linear and variational problems						
2/8/2019	Registration deadline						
2/12/2019	Curves: Smooth and discrete	*		Curves, surfaces, & manifolds			
2/14/2019	Manifolds and simplicial complexes						
2/19/2019	No class: Monday schedule		*				
2/21/2019	More representation; basic curvature computation						
2/26/2019	Intrinsic/extrinsic curvature on discrete surfaces	*					
2/27/2019	Homework 1 due						
2/28/2019	Geodesic distances						
3/5/2019	Metric embedding		*				
3/6/2019	Project proposal due						
3/7/2019	Representation/metric learning						
3/8/2019	Add date						
3/12/2019	Laplacian theory	*		Calculus on manifolds			
3/14/2019	Laplacian discretizations						
3/19/2019	Applications of the Laplacian		*				
3/20/2019	Homework 2 due						
3/21/2019	Vector fields						
3/26/2019	No class: Spring break						
3/28/2019	No class: Spring break						
4/2/2019	Exterior calculus	*					
4/3/2019	Project checkpoint due						
4/4/2019	Discrete exterior calculus						

Schedule

Bottom of the course web page!

Experiment: Course Notes

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GEOMETRIC DATA PROCESSING
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Draft Course Notes
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
February 2, 2019

Things to know:

- They're messy
- I won't finish
- Changes often
- Typos & comments encouraged

Prerequisites

- **Coding**

Julia or *Matlab* preferred

- **Math**

Fluency in linear algebra and multivariable calculus

- **Not required (won't hurt):**

Graphics, differential geometry, numerics, ML

New-ish Course

- Counts as a **TQE** (AI)
- Schedule is **too ambitious!**
- **Contact Justin** with suggestions, must-cover topics, questions, etc.
- **Video** on Youtube
(*unreliable!*)

Philosophy

I want you to take this course!

Assignments intended to be interesting
(may be unintentionally easy/hard!)

Will be generous with support/grading

Quick Survey

Degree

Undergraduate

M.Eng.

M.Sc./PhD

Quick Survey

Background

EECS

Math

Engineering

Elsewhere

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Theme

1. *Geometric data analysis:* The analysis of geometric data

 Modifier Noun

2. *Geometric data analysis:* Data analysis using geometric techniques

 Modifier Noun

Applied Geometry

- I. Theoretical toolbox**
- II. Computational toolbox**
- III. Application areas**

Mostly a picture book!

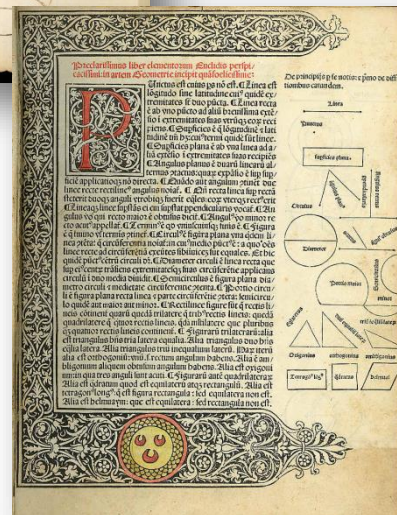
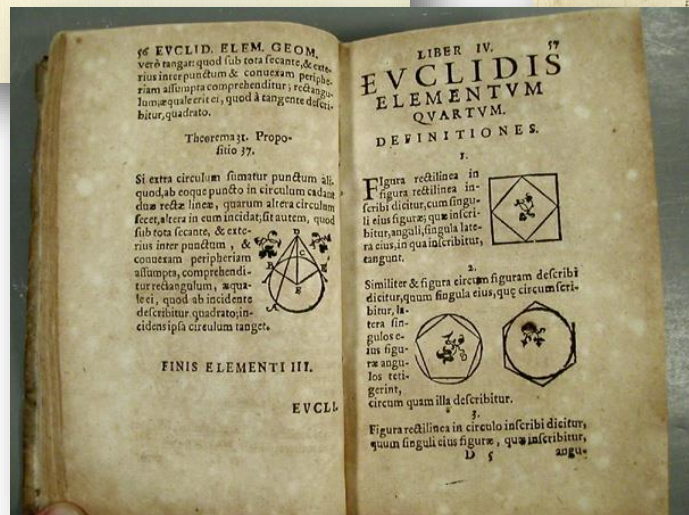
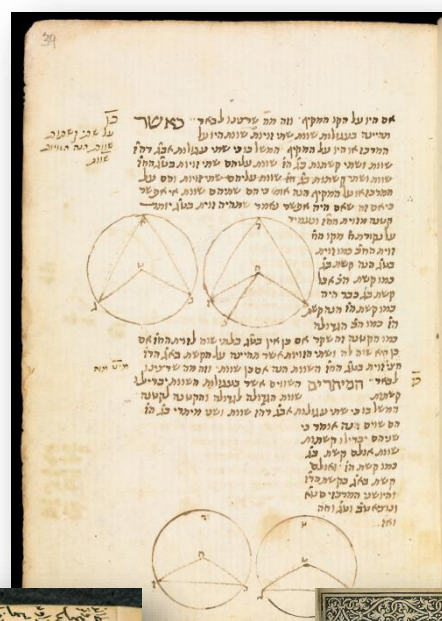
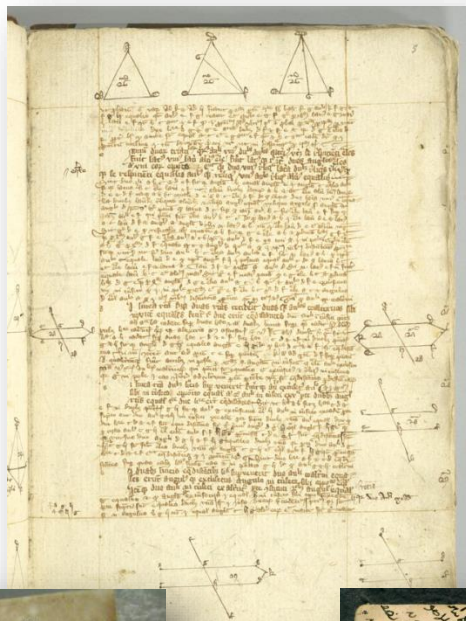
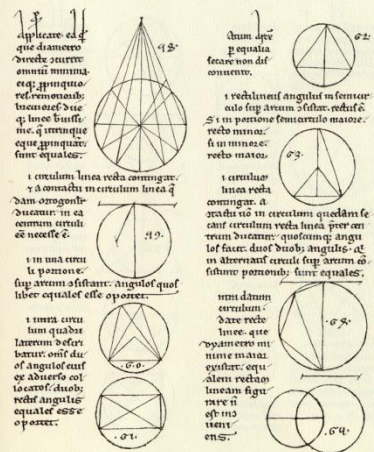
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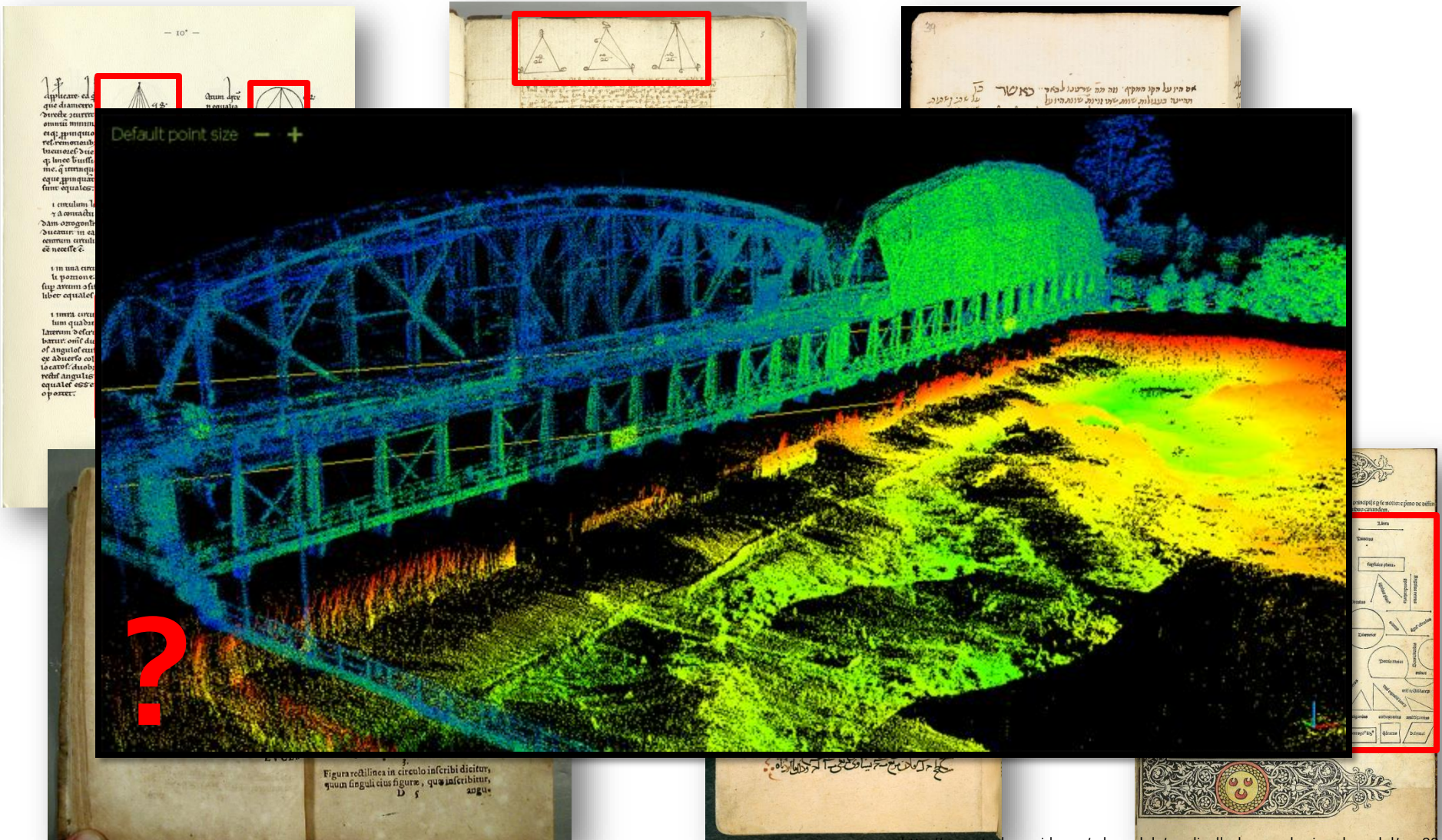
Euclidean Geometry



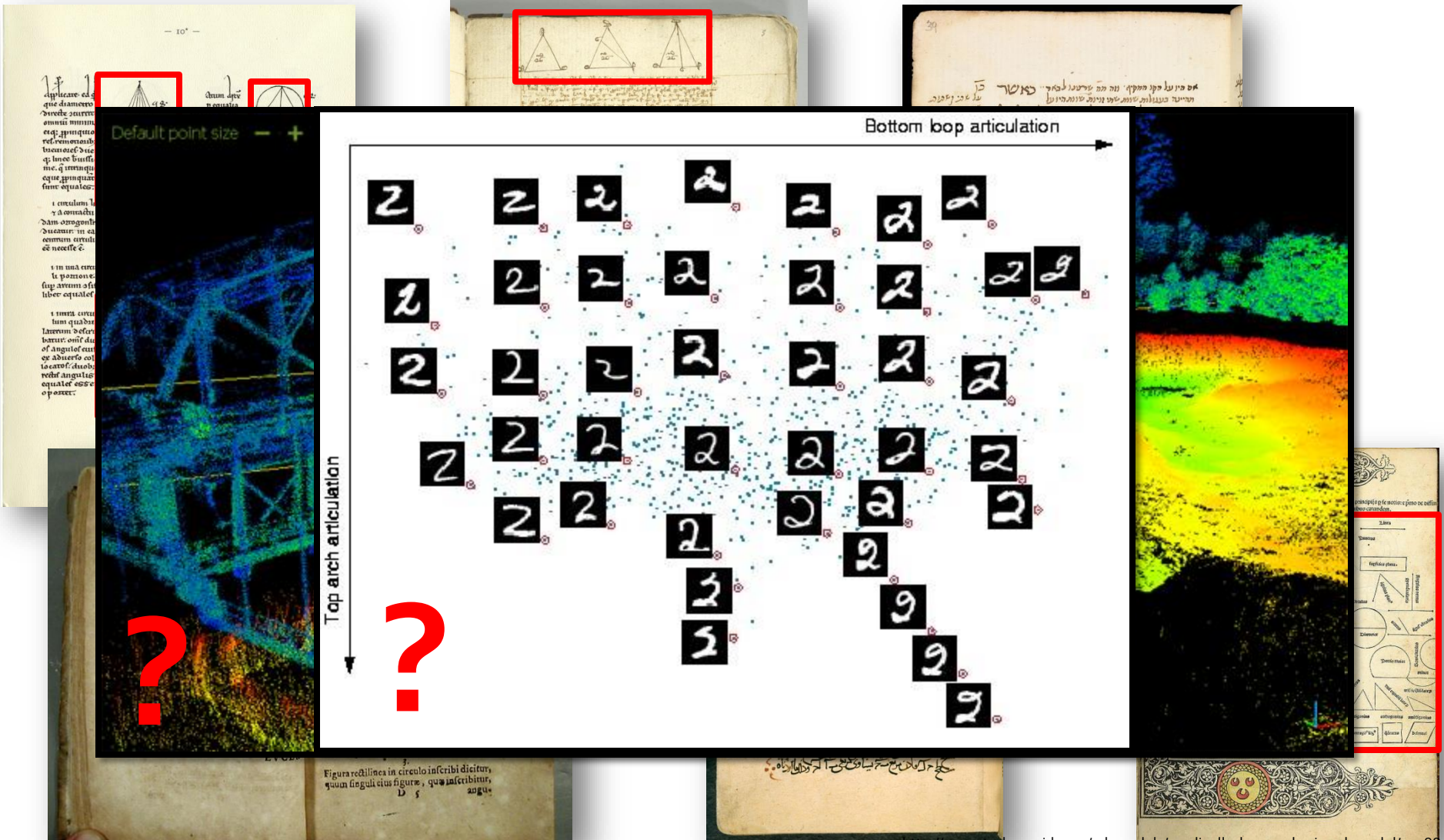
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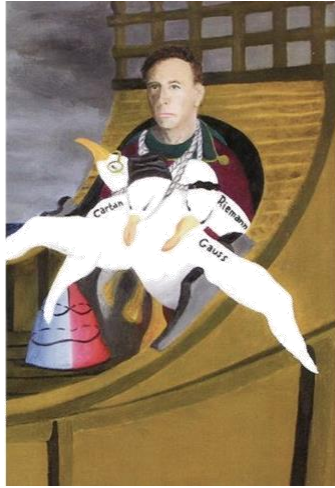
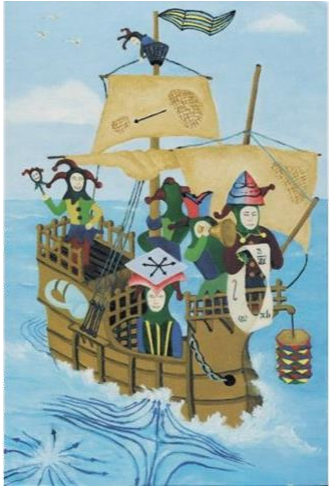
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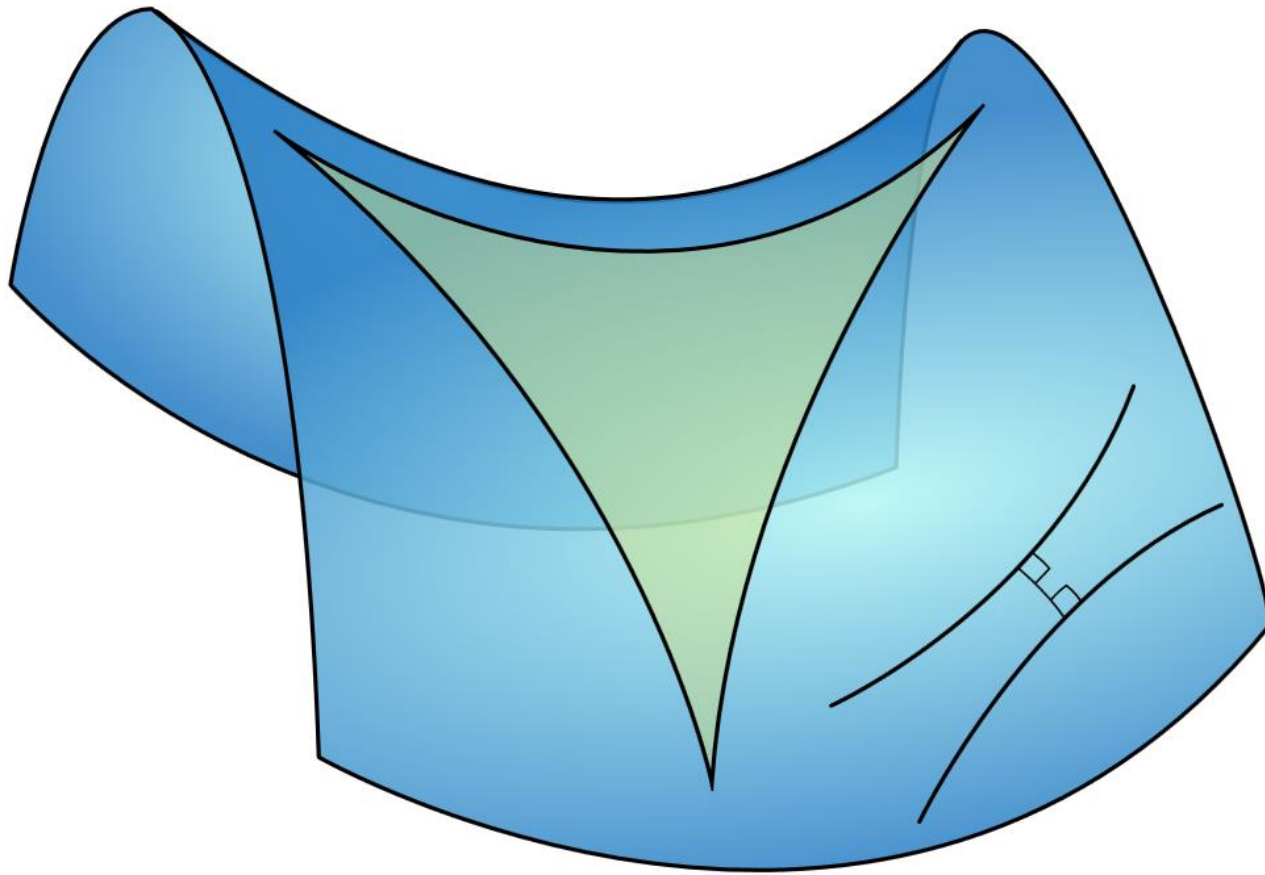


Differential Geometry



Spivak: *A Comprehensive Introduction to Differential Geometry*

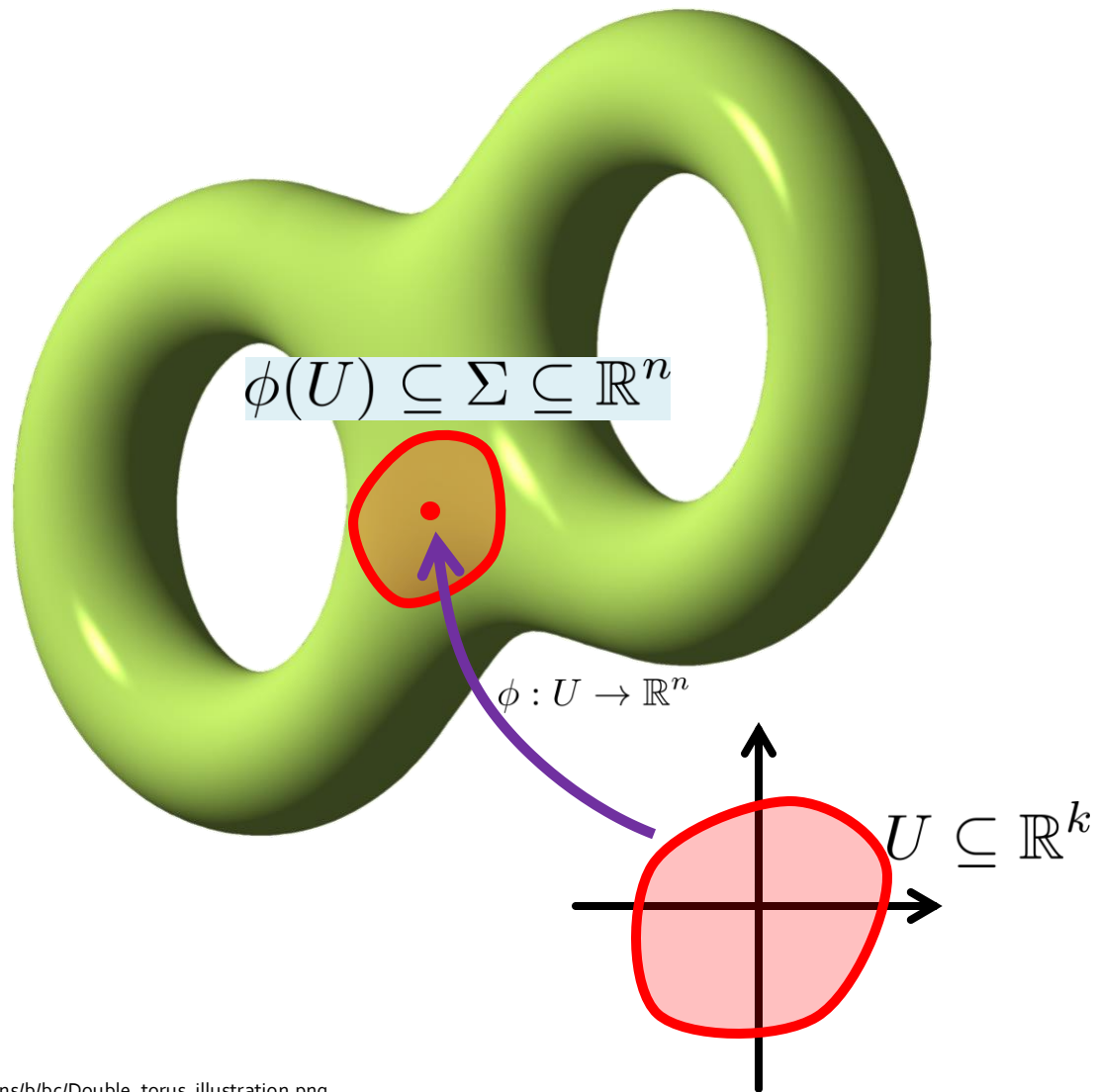
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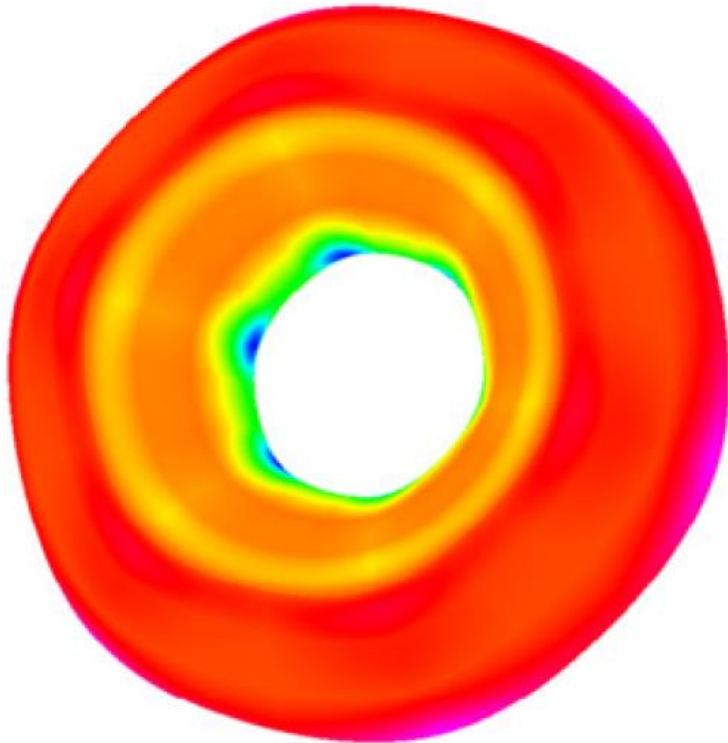
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Study of smooth manifolds

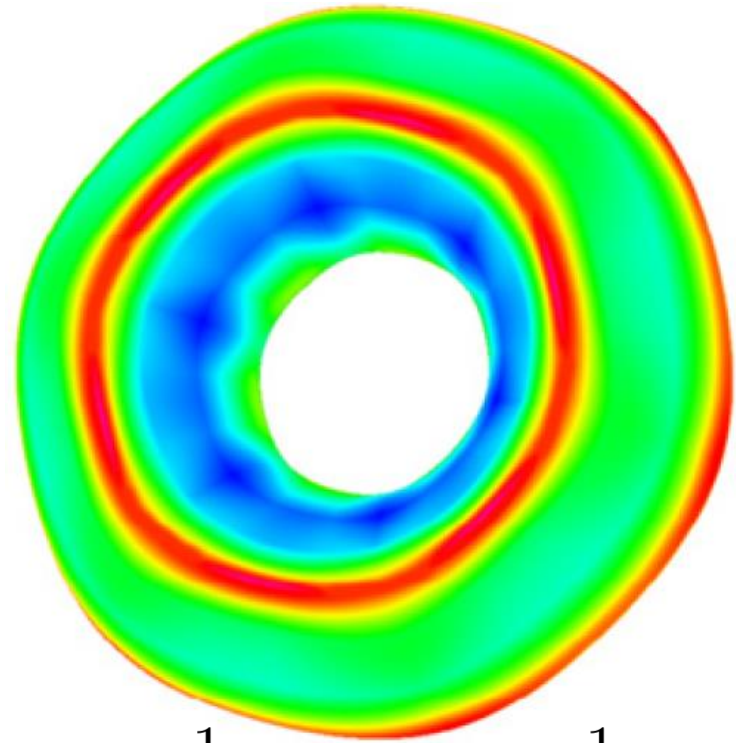
Manifold



Differential Geometry Toolbox



$$K := \kappa_1 \kappa_2 = \det \mathbb{I}$$

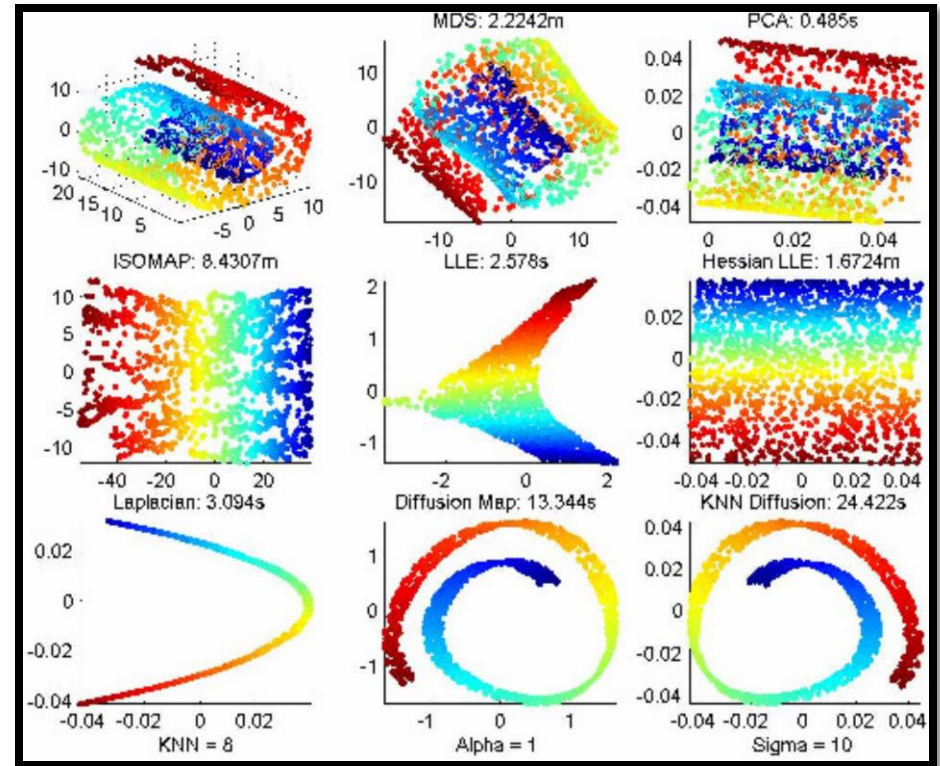
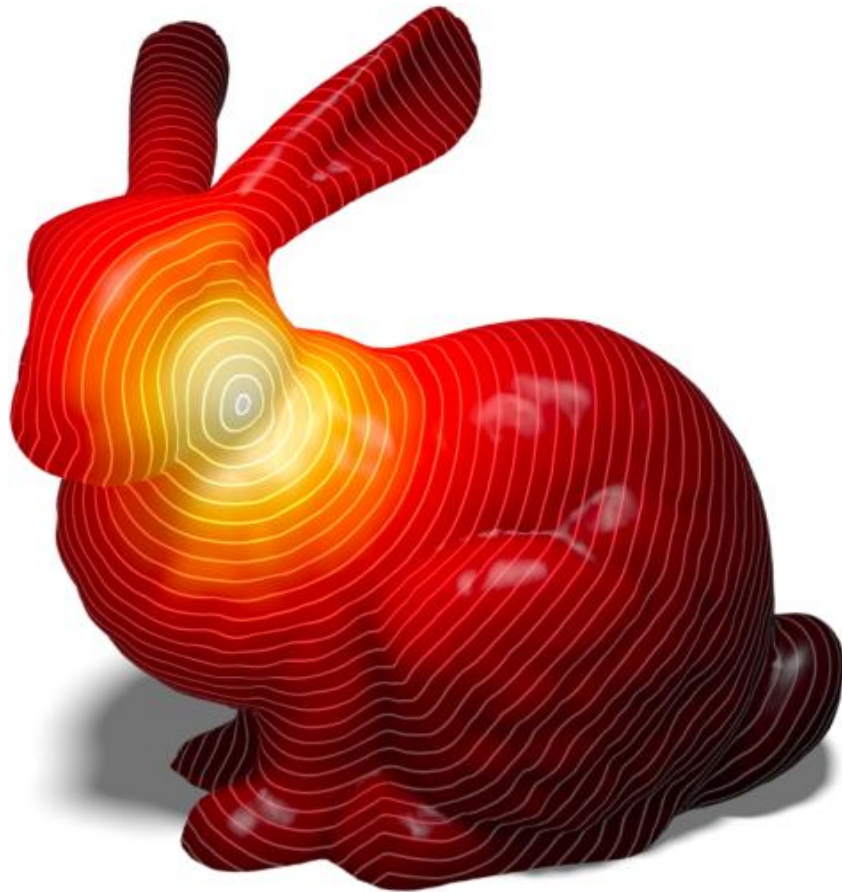


$$H := \frac{1}{2}(\kappa_1 + \kappa_2) = \frac{1}{2}\text{tr } \mathbb{I}$$

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S00104448510001983>

Curvature and shape properties

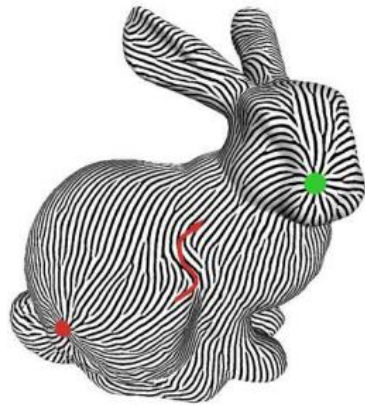
Differential Geometry Toolbox



Crane, Weischedel, Wardetzky. *Geodesics in heat*. TOG 2013.
Wittman. Manifold learning techniques.

Distances

Differential Geometry Toolbox



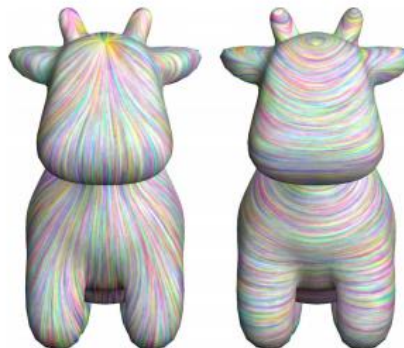
(a) [FSDH07]



(b) [BCBSG10]



(c) [KCPS13]



Symmetry

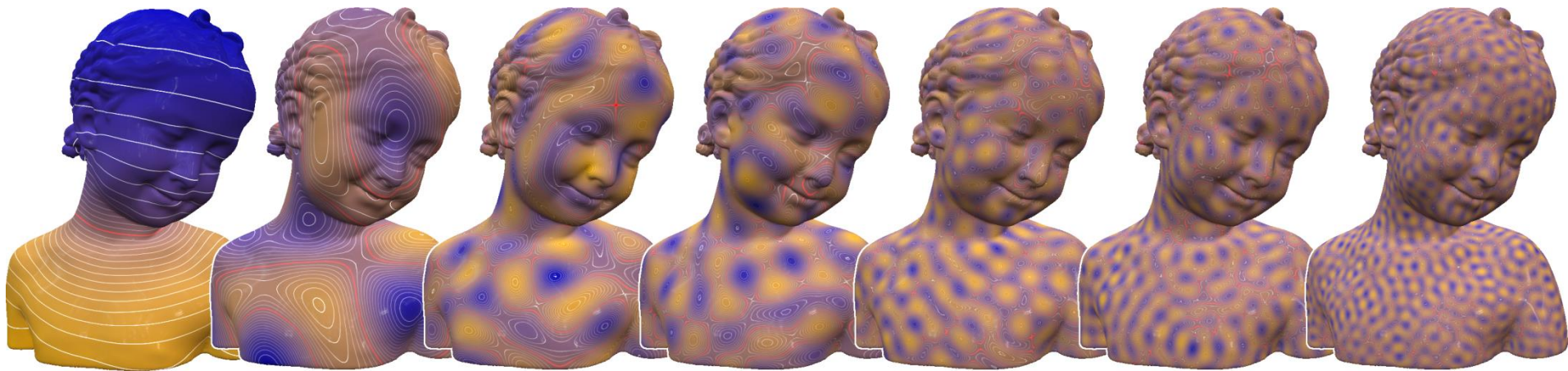
Anti-symmetry

(d) [ABCCO13]

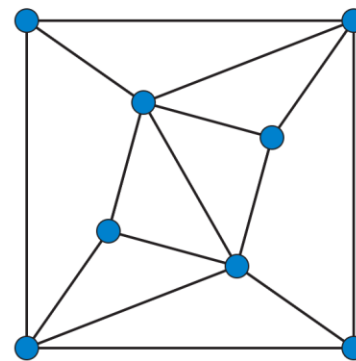
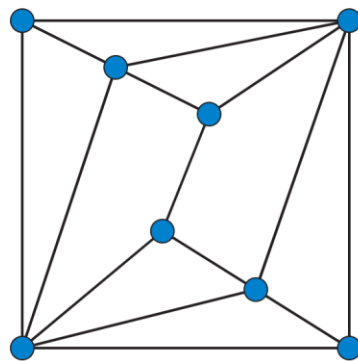
Vaxman et al.
Directional field synthesis, design, and processing.
EG STAR 2016.

Flows and vector fields

Differential Geometry Toolbox



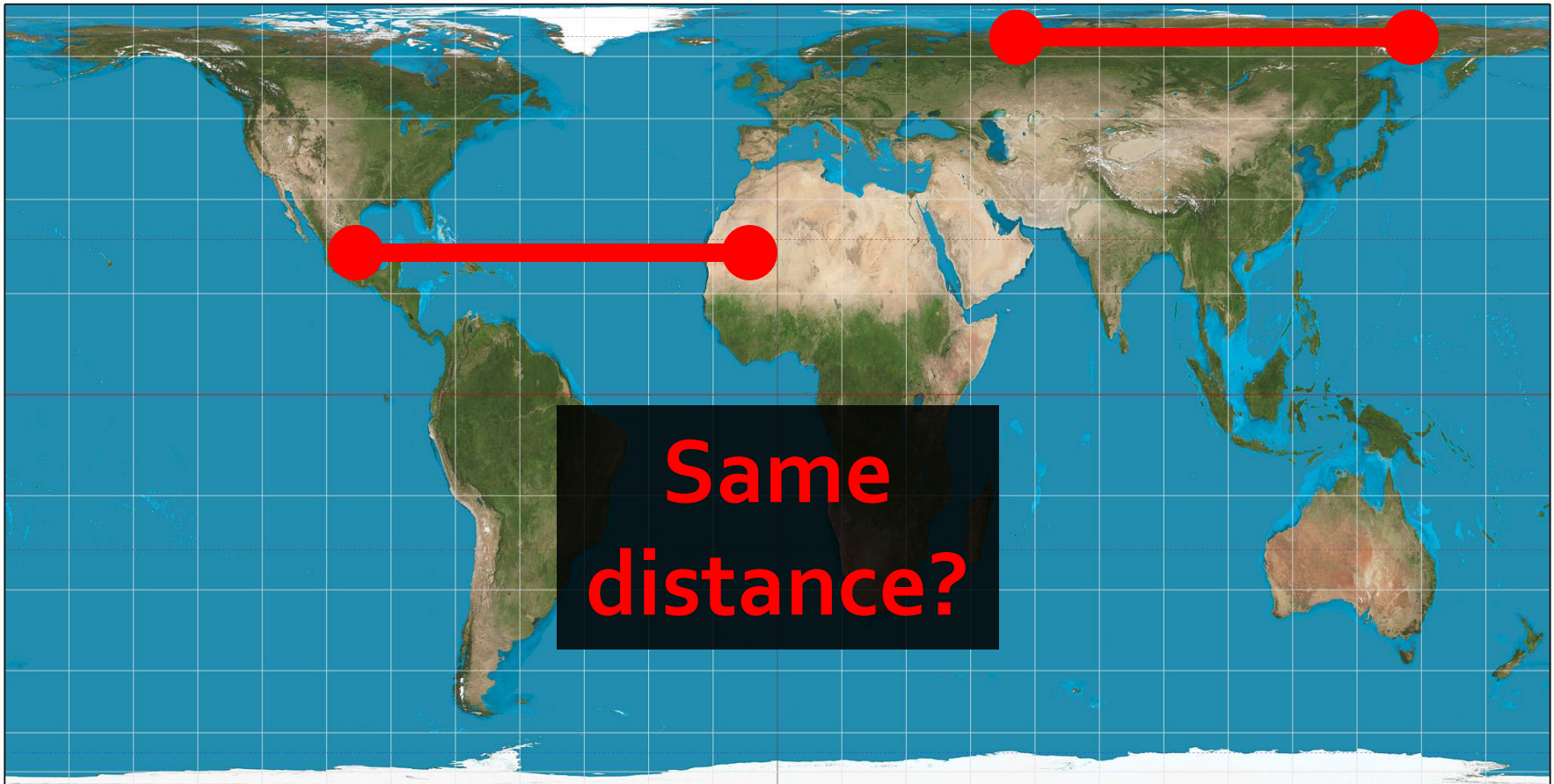
Vallet and Lévy. *Spectral Geometry Processing with Manifold Harmonics*. EG 2008



"Enneahedra"

Differential operators

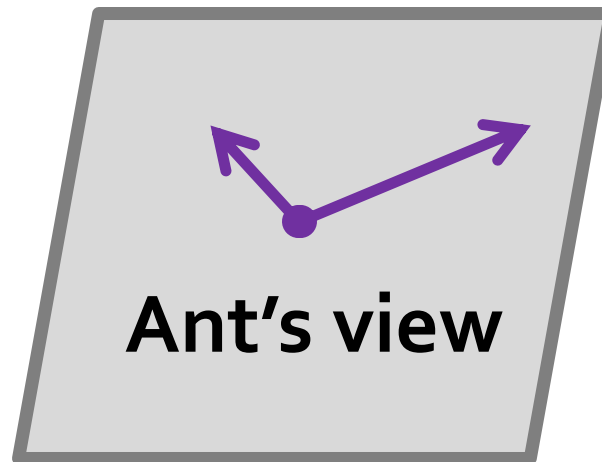
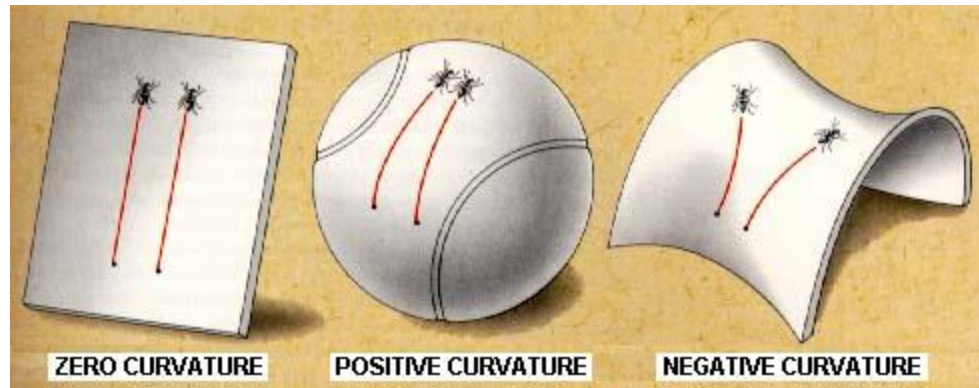
Riemannian Viewpoint



http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/2/2c/Hobo%E2%80%93Dyer_projection_SW.jpg

Only need angles and distances

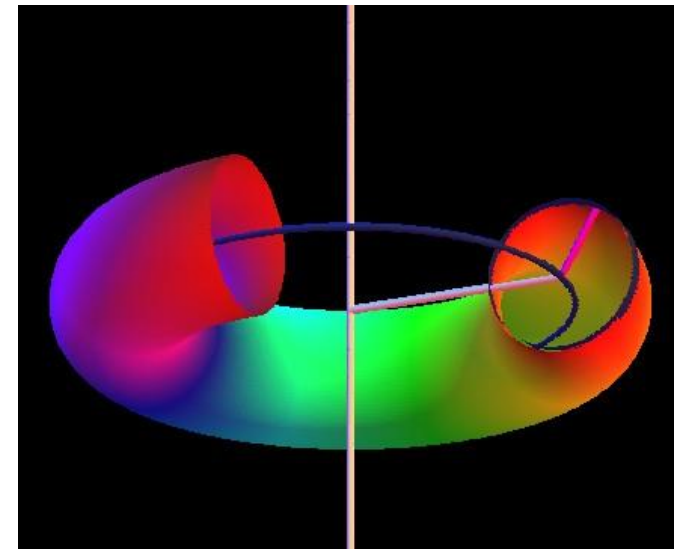
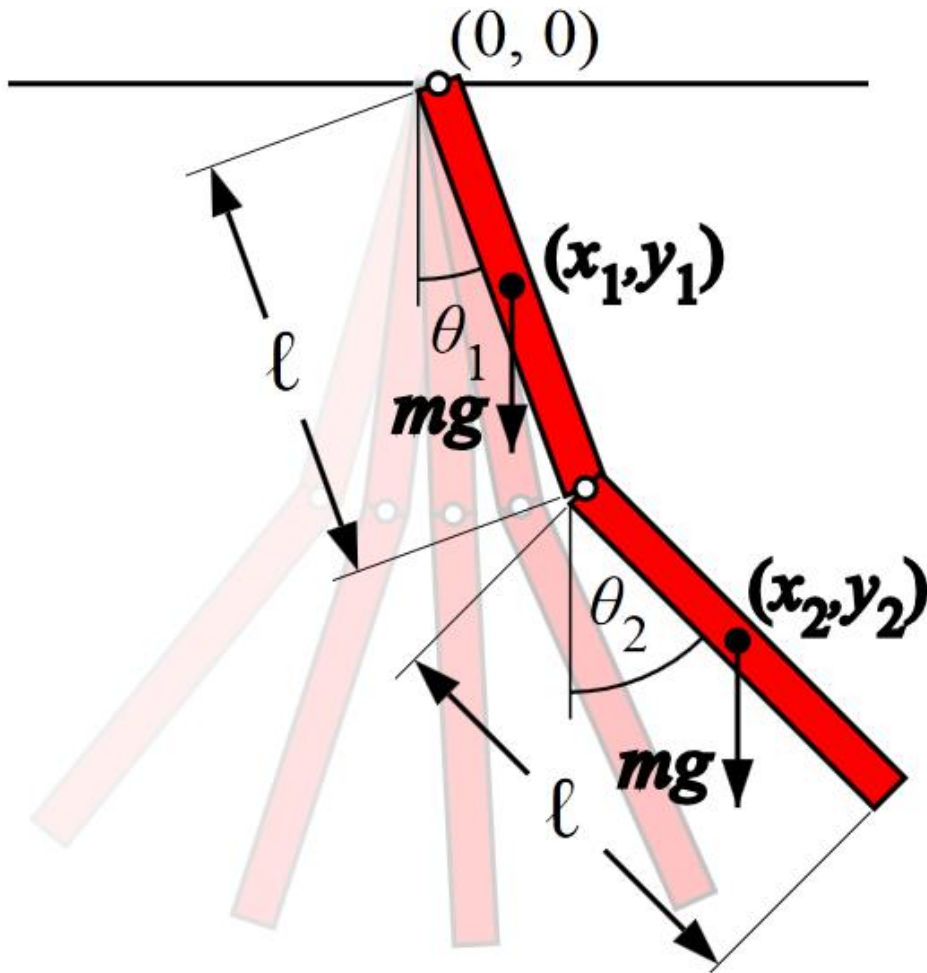
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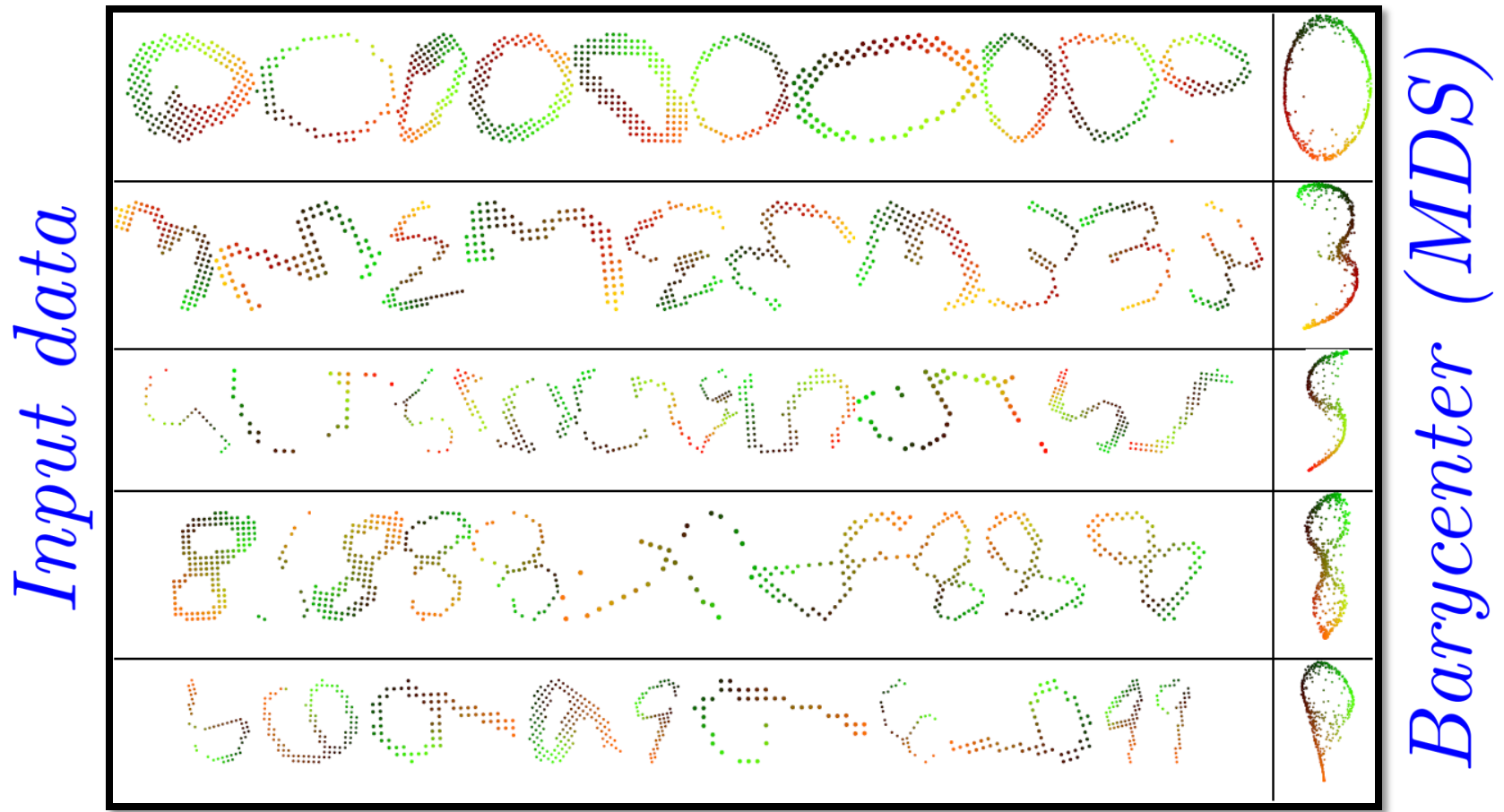
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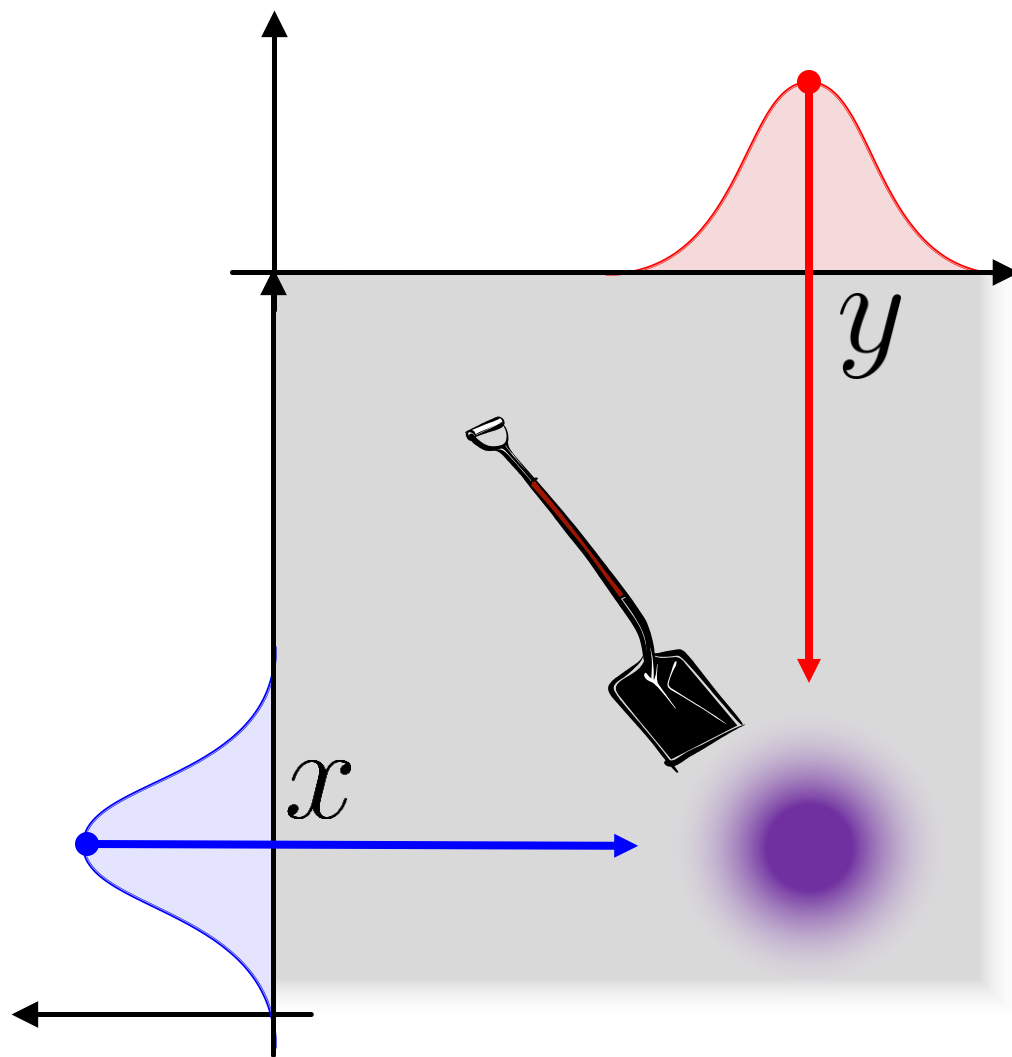
Geometric Mechanics



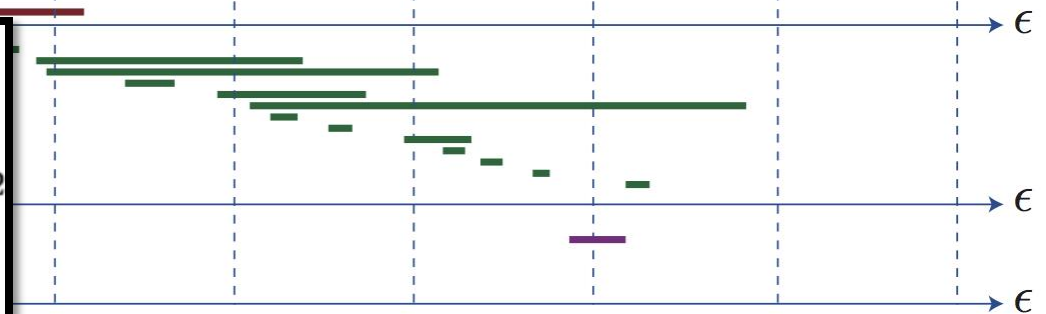
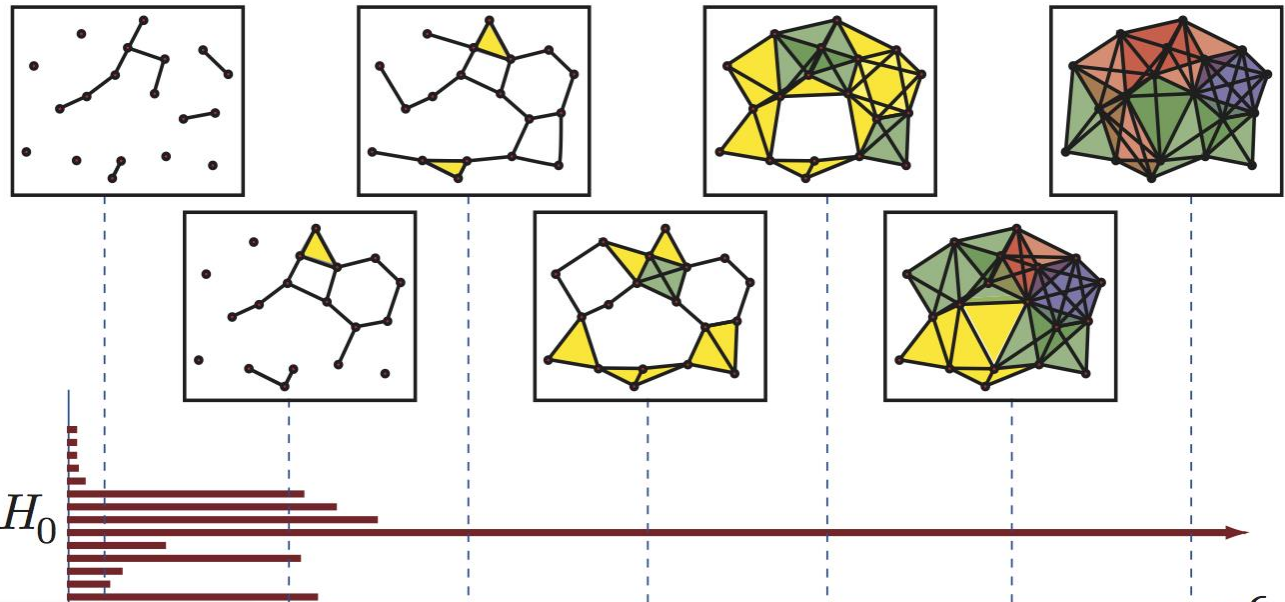
Metric Geometry



Optimal Transport



{Differential/Morse/Persistent/...} Topology



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Many Notions of Shape

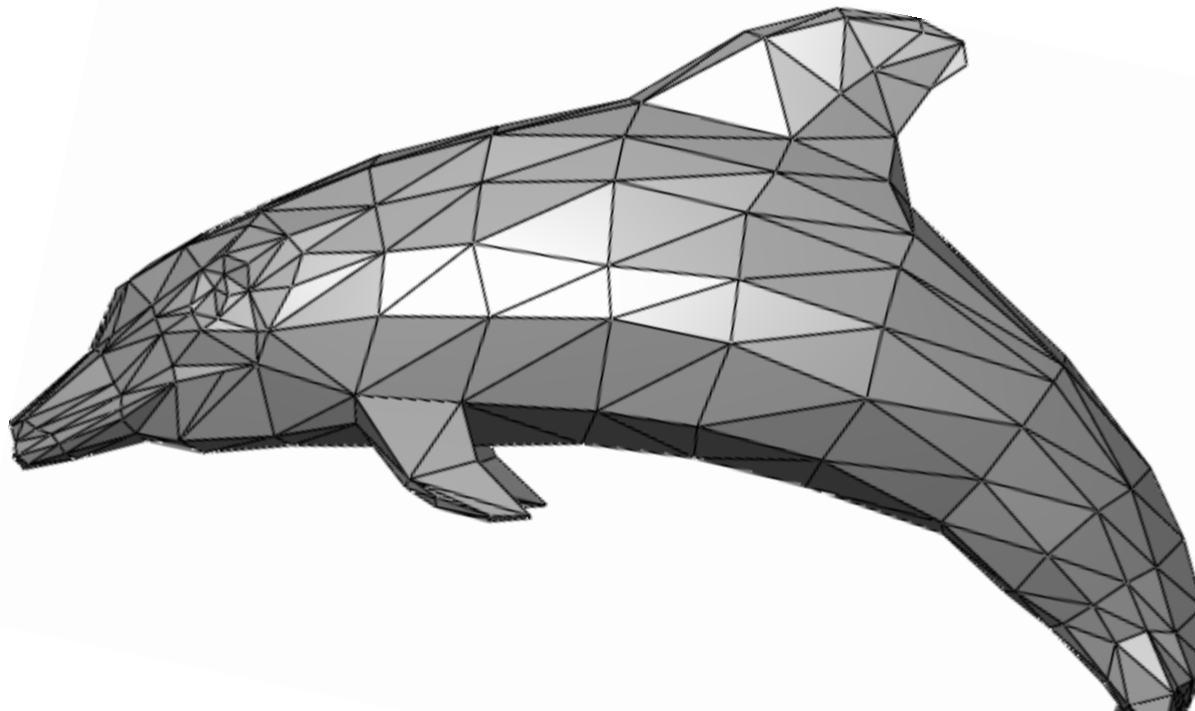
- Triangle mesh
- Triangle soup
 - Graph
 - Point cloud
- Pairwise distance matrix
 - Dataset
- Network embedding

Nearly anything with a notion of
proximity/distance/curvature/...

Typical issue:

Euclidean? Riemannian?

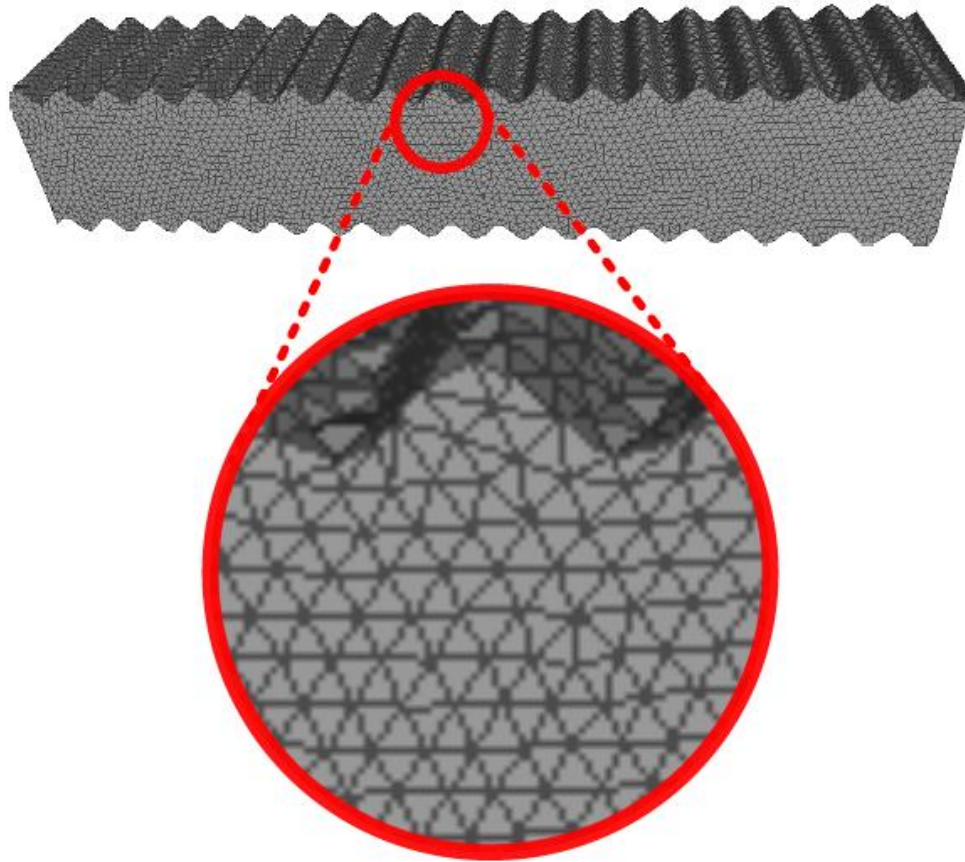
- Collection of **flat triangles**
- Approximates a **smooth surface**





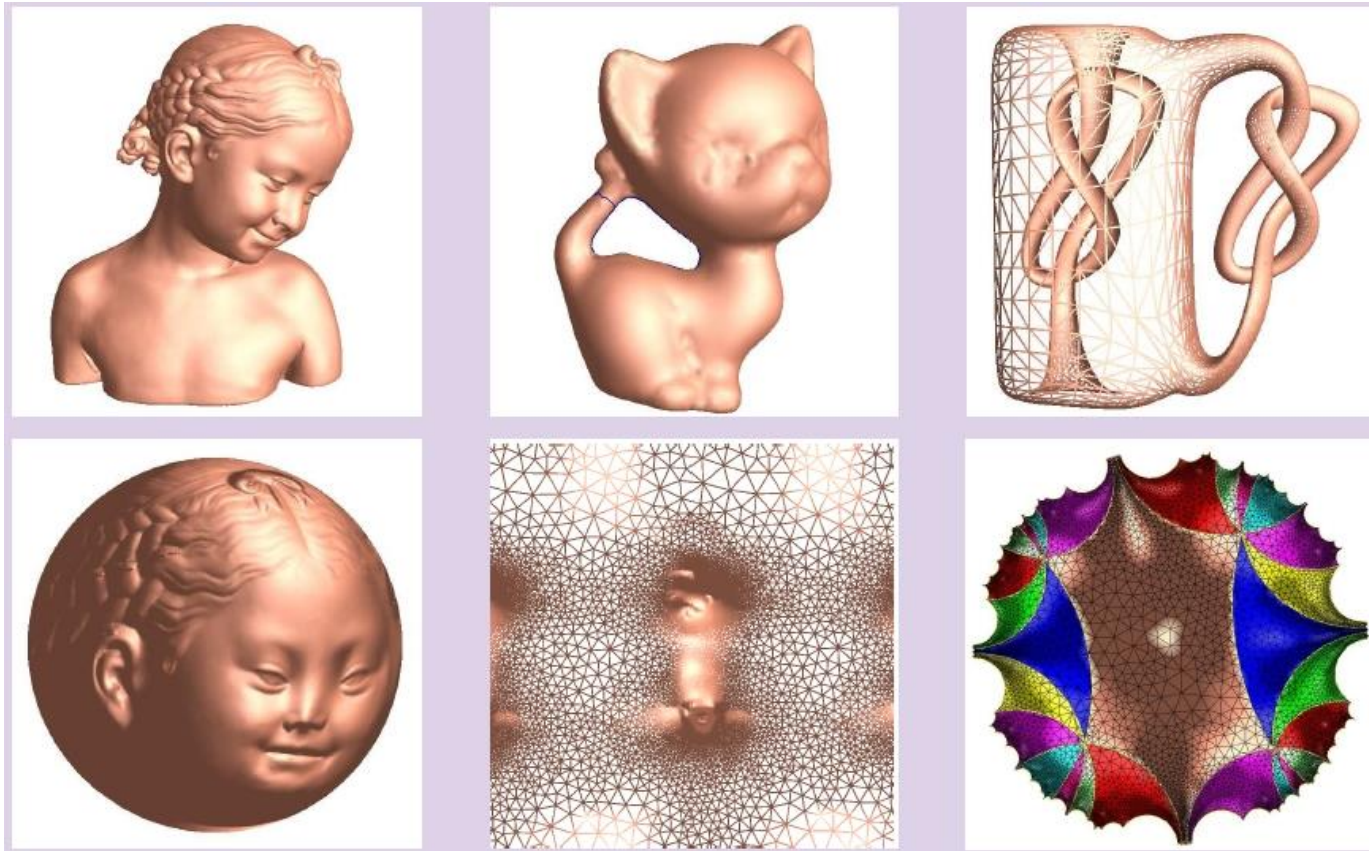
Can a triangle mesh
have **curvature**?

Jack of All Trades



Combine smooth and discrete

Example: Discrete Differential Geometry



Modern Approach

Discrete

vs.

Discretized

Discrete Differential Geometry

Discrete theory *paralleling*
differential geometry.

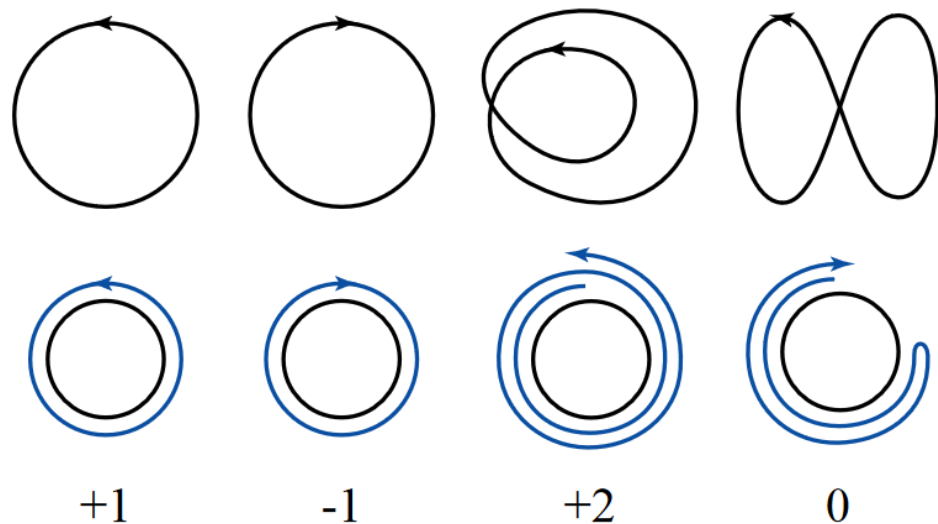
Structure preservation

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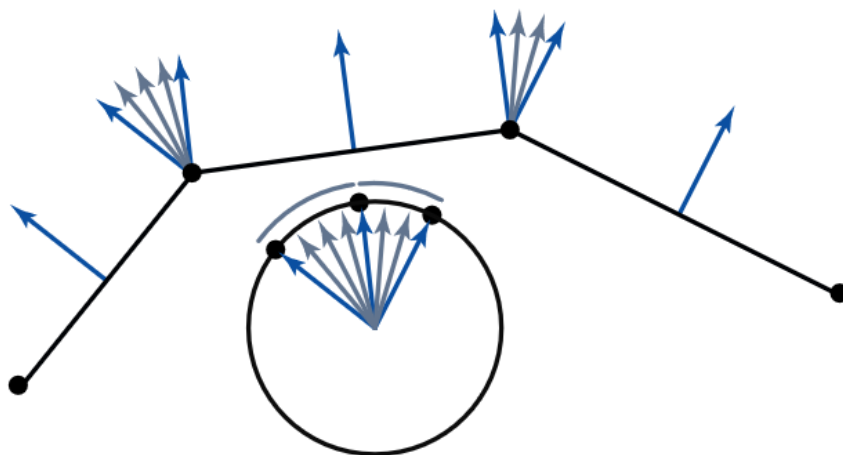
Keeping properties from the continuous abstraction exactly true in a discretization.



Example: Turning Numbers



$$\int_{\Omega} \kappa \, ds = 2\pi k$$



$$\sum_i \alpha_i = 2\pi k$$

Images from: Grinspun and Secord, "The Geometry of Plane Curves" (SIGGRAPH 2006)

Convergence

[*kuh* n-**vur**-*juh* ns]:

Increasing approximation
quality as a discretization is
refined.



Convergence *and* Structure

Can you have it all?



Disappointing Result

Eurographics Symposium on Geometry Processing (2007)
Alexander Belyaev, Michael Garland (Editors)

Discrete Laplace operators: No free lunch

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Abstract

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1. Introduction

Discrete Laplace operators on triangular surface meshes span the entire spectrum of geometry processing applications, including mesh filtering, parameterization, pose transfer, segmentation, reconstruction, re-meshing, compression, simulation, and interpolation via barycentric coordinates [Tau00, Zha04, FH05, Sor05].

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(NULL) $\Delta u = 0$ whenever u is constant

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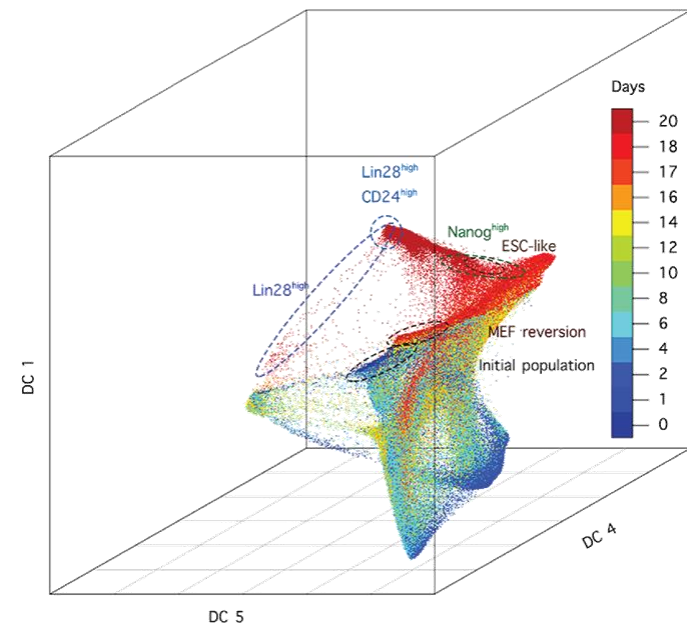
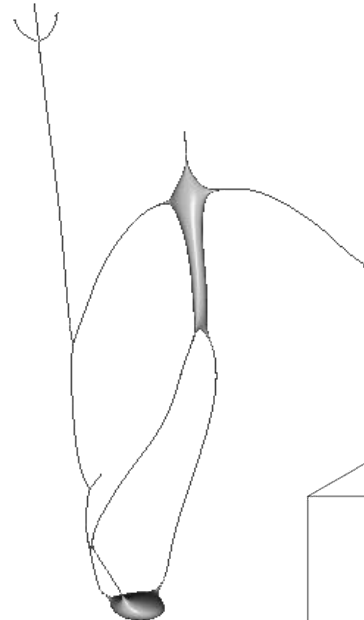
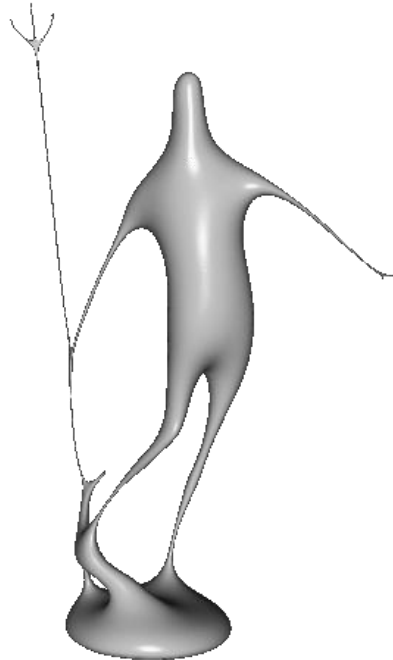
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Theme

Pick and choose
which properties you need.

But there is a huge toolbox to draw from!

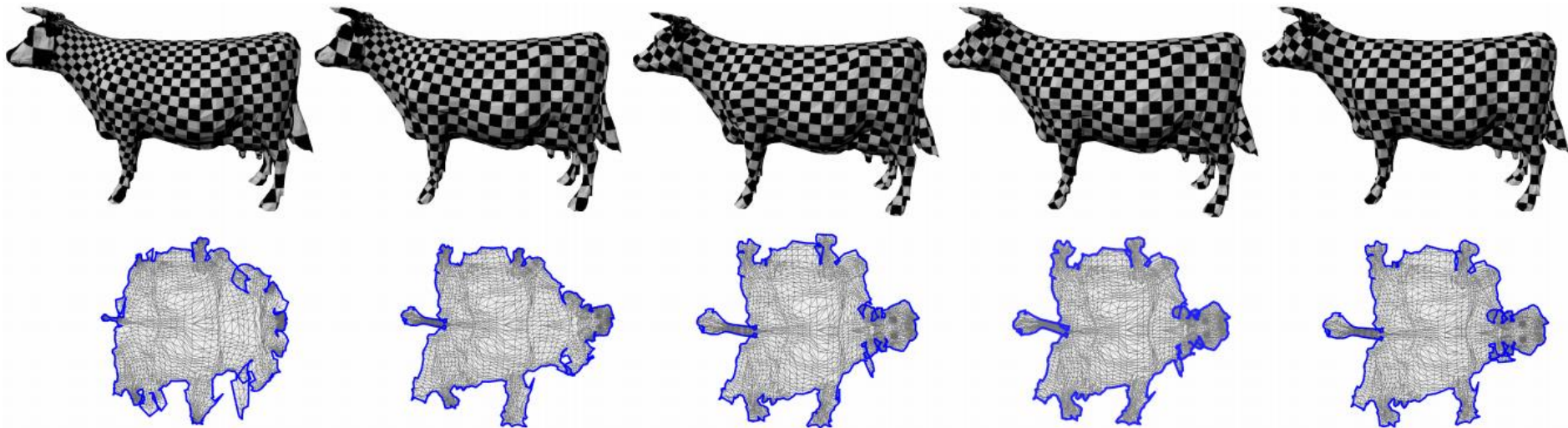
Numerical PDE



Chuang and Kazhdan. *Fast Mean-Curvature Flow via Finite-Elements Tracking*. CGF 2011.

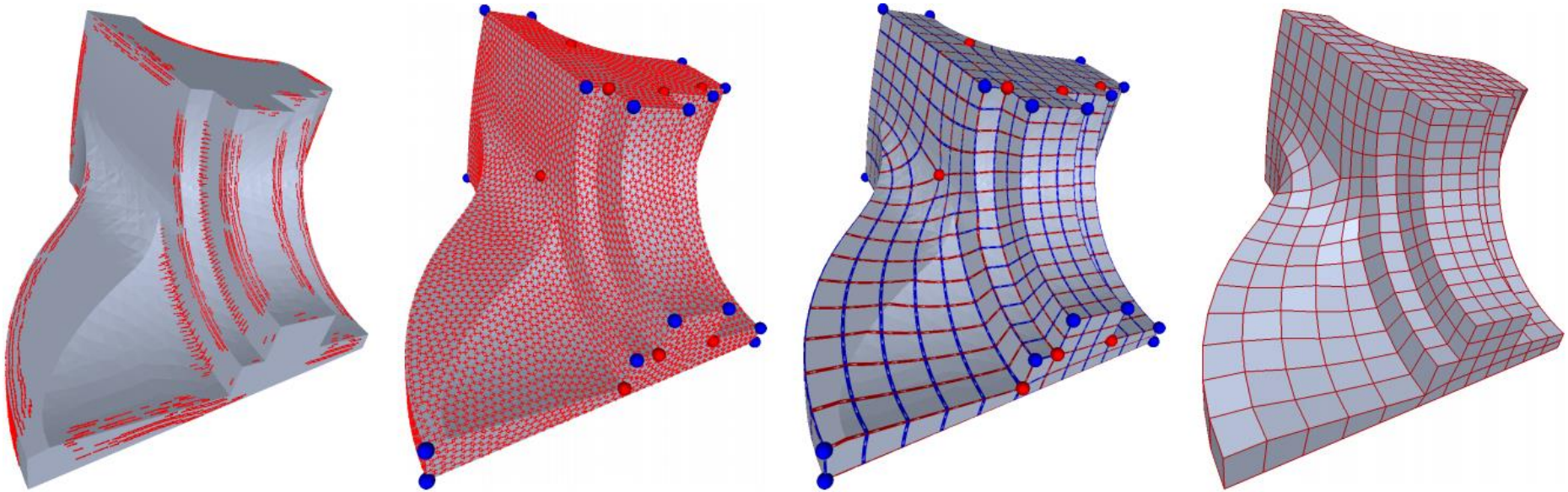
Coifman & Lafon. *Diffusion Maps*. ACHA 2006.

Smooth Optimization



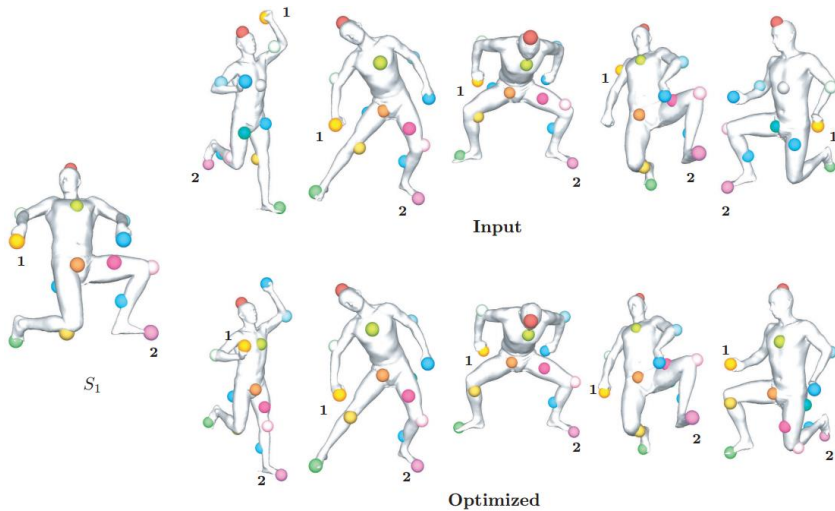
Smith and Schaefer. *Bijective parameterization with free boundaries*. SIGGRAPH 2015.

Discrete Optimization

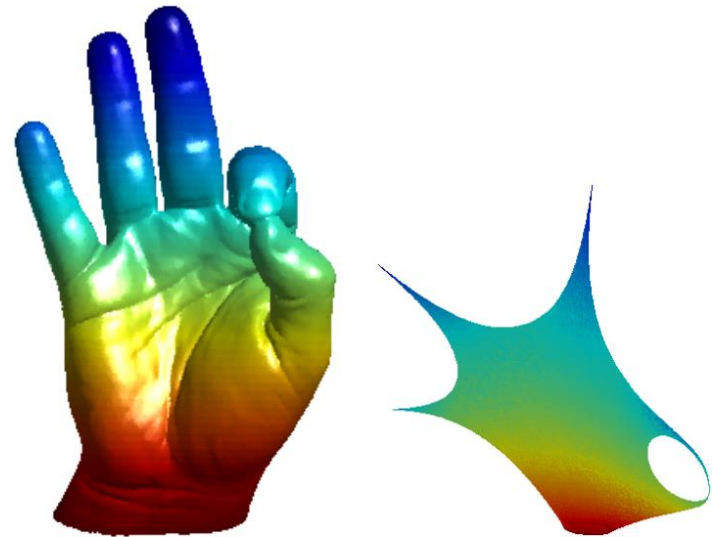


Bommes, Zimmer, Kobbelt. *Mixed-integer quadrangulation*. SIGGRAPH 2009.

Linear Algebra

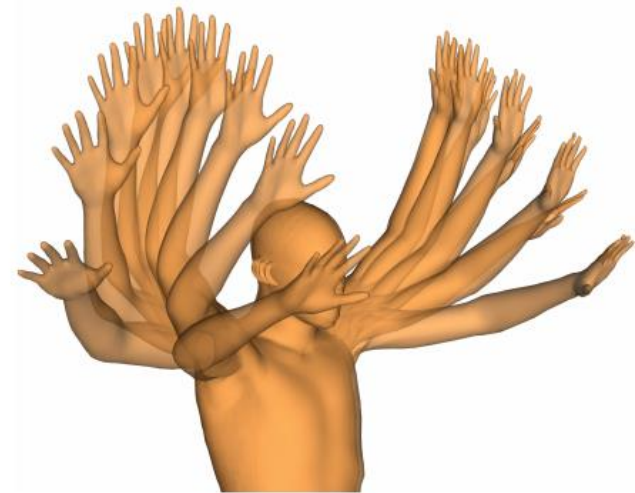
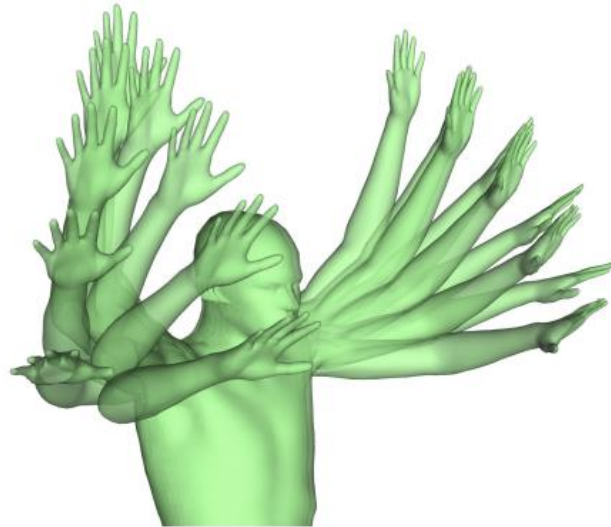
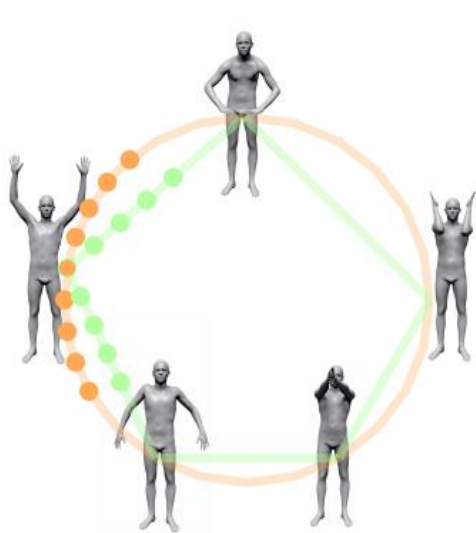


Huang, Guibas. *Consistent shape maps via semidefinite programming*. SGP 2013.



Krishnan, Fattal, Szeliski. *Efficient preconditioning of Laplacian matrices for computer graphics*. SIGGRAPH 2013.

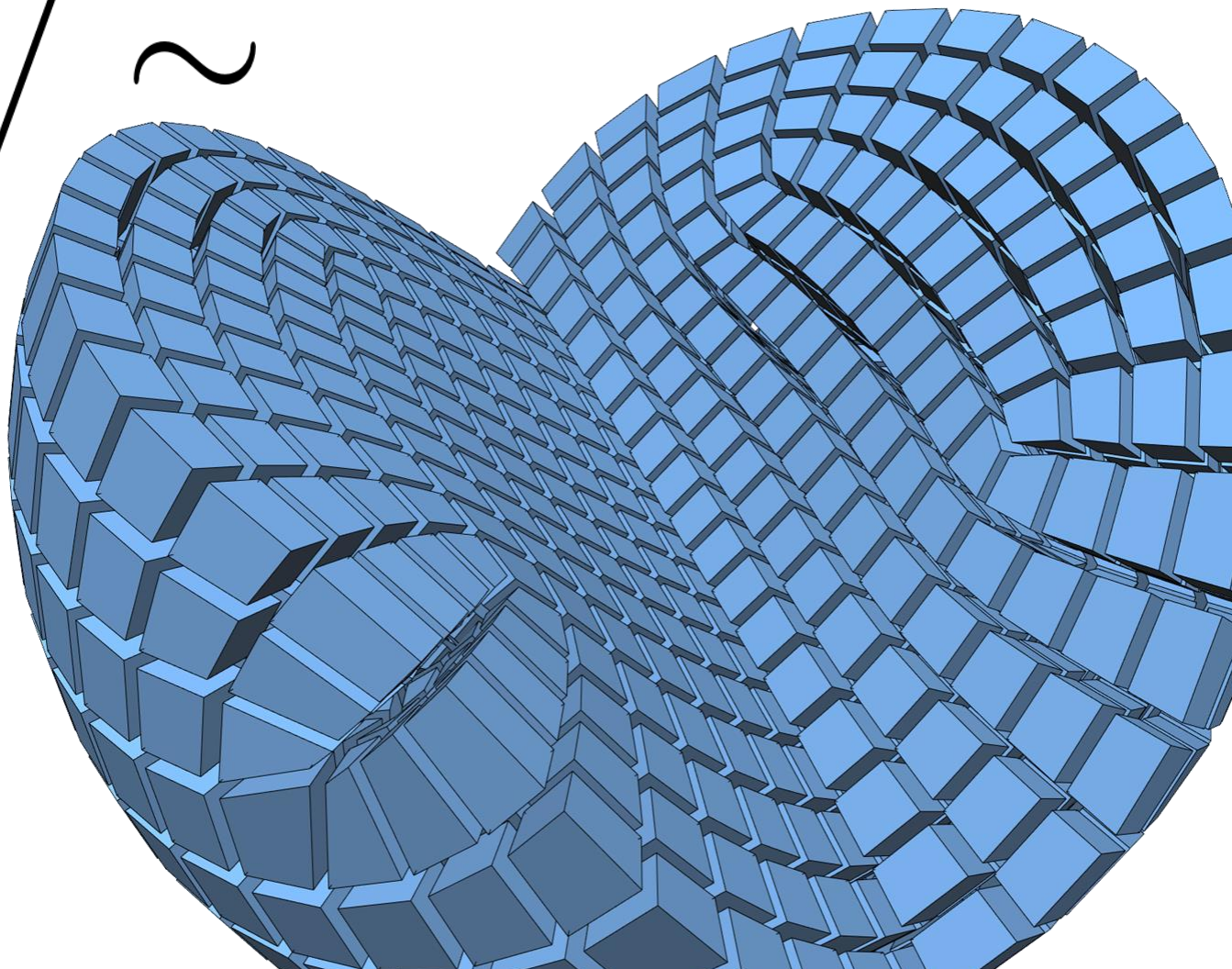
The “Geometry of Geometry”



Heeren et al. *Splines in the space of shells*. SGP 2016.

Algebra & Representation Theory

$$SO(3) / \sim$$



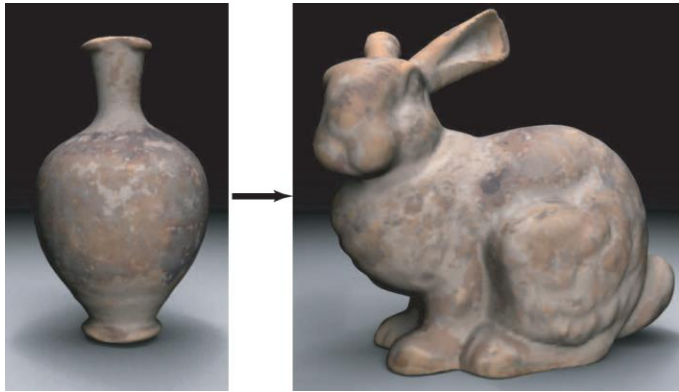
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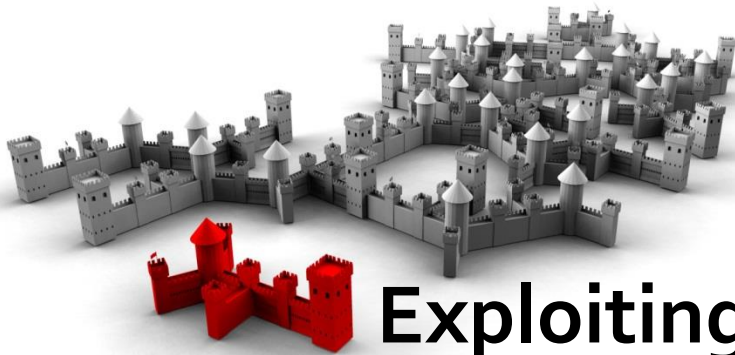
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Applications

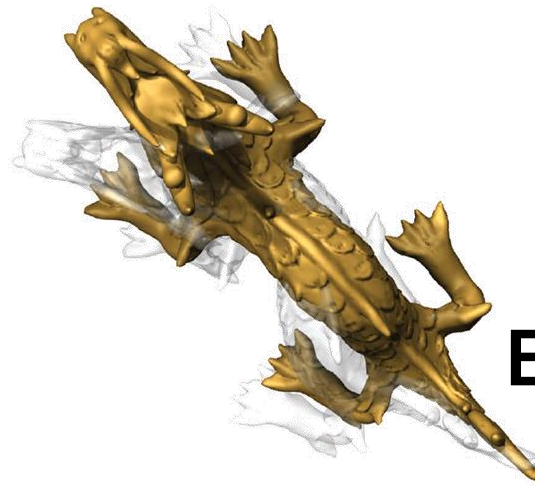
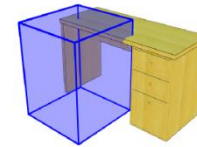


Transfer



Exploiting patterns

Retrieval



Editing

http://people.csail.mit.edu/tmertens/papers/texttransfer_electronic.pdf

<http://graphics.stanford.edu/~mdfisher/Data/Context.pdf>

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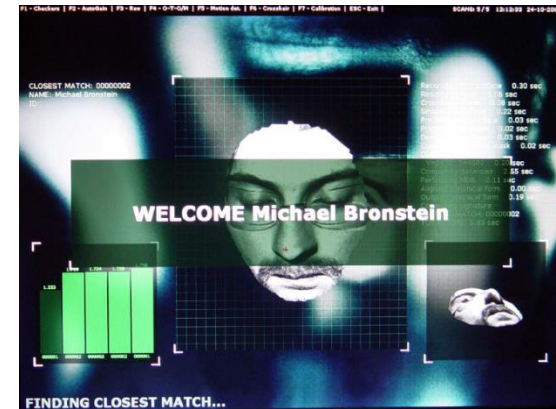
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Graphics

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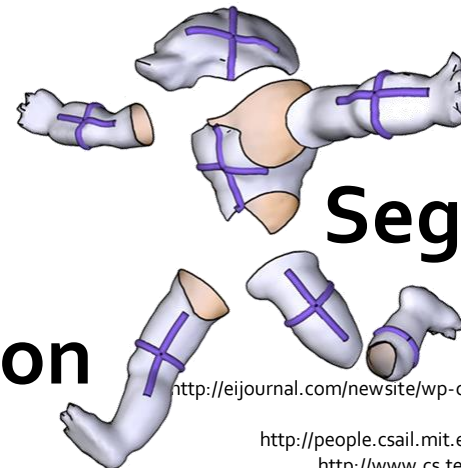
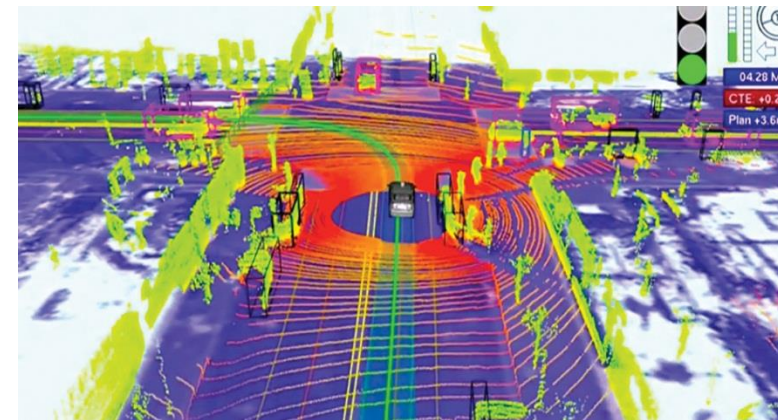
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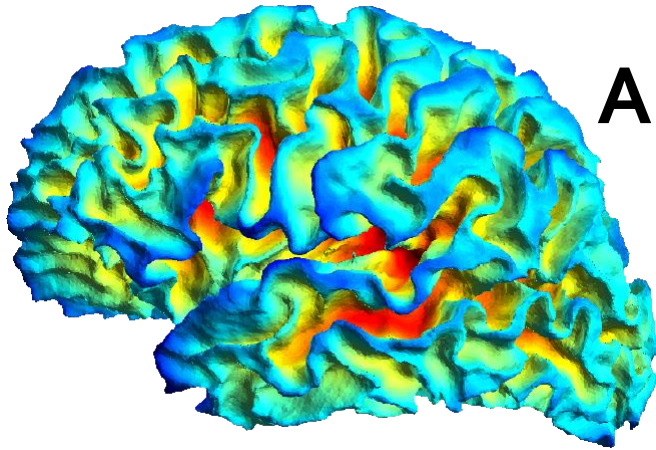
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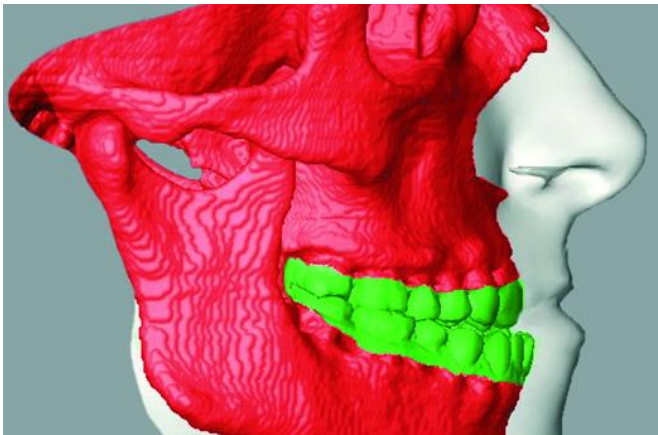
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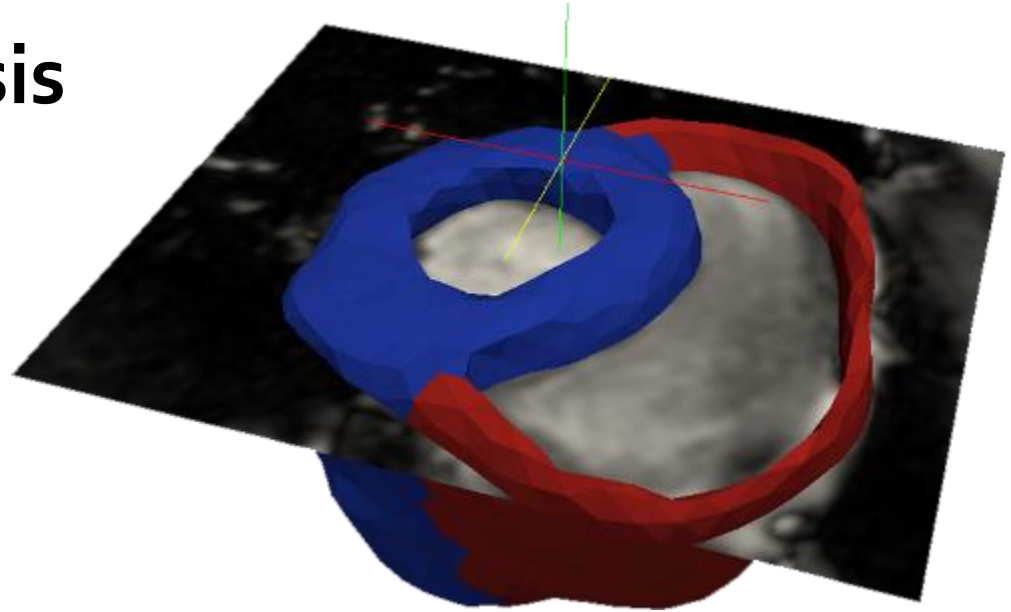
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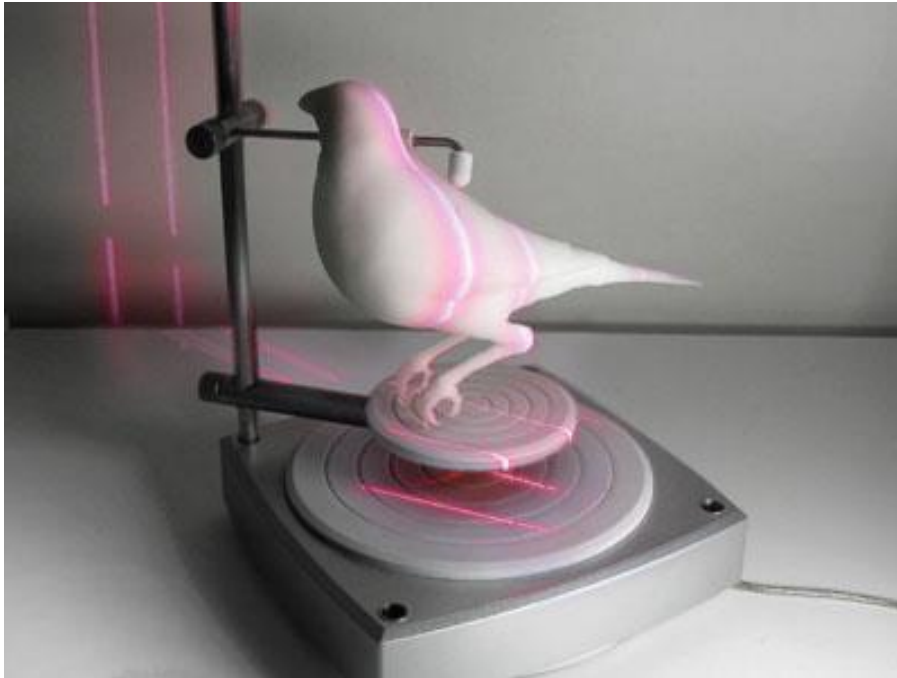


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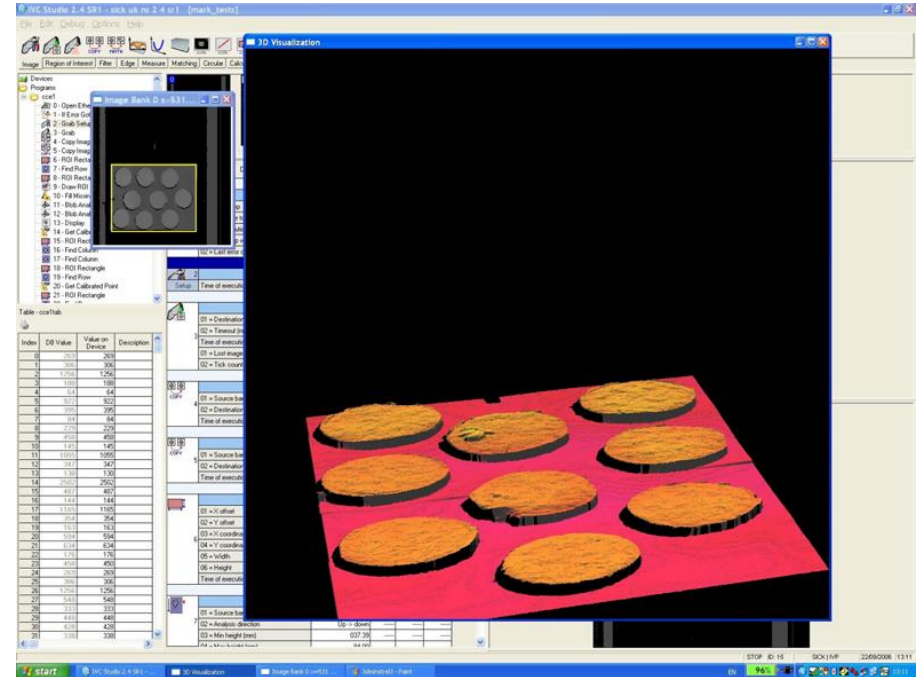
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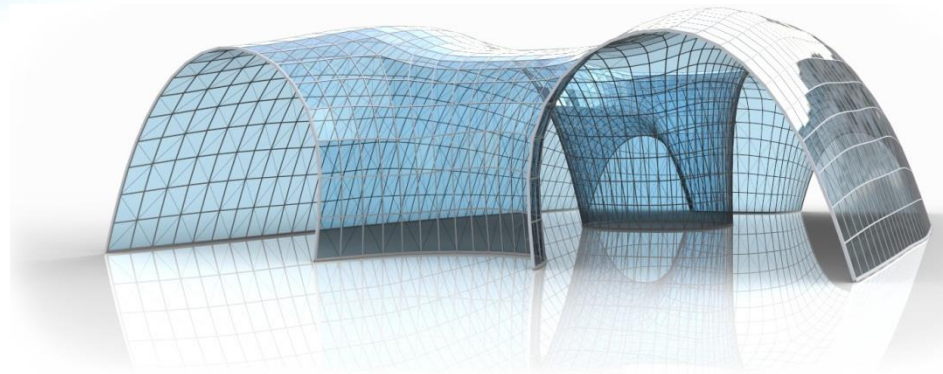
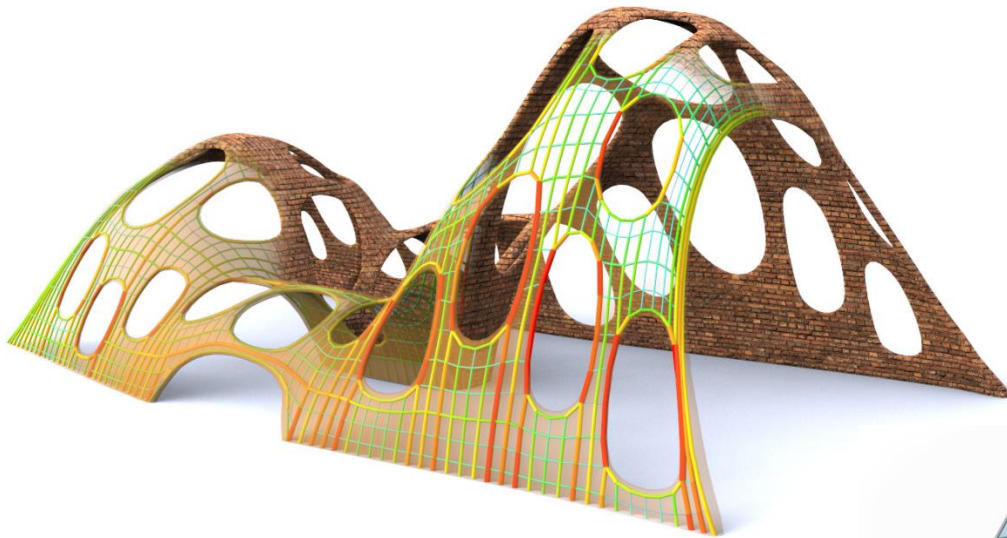
Defect detection

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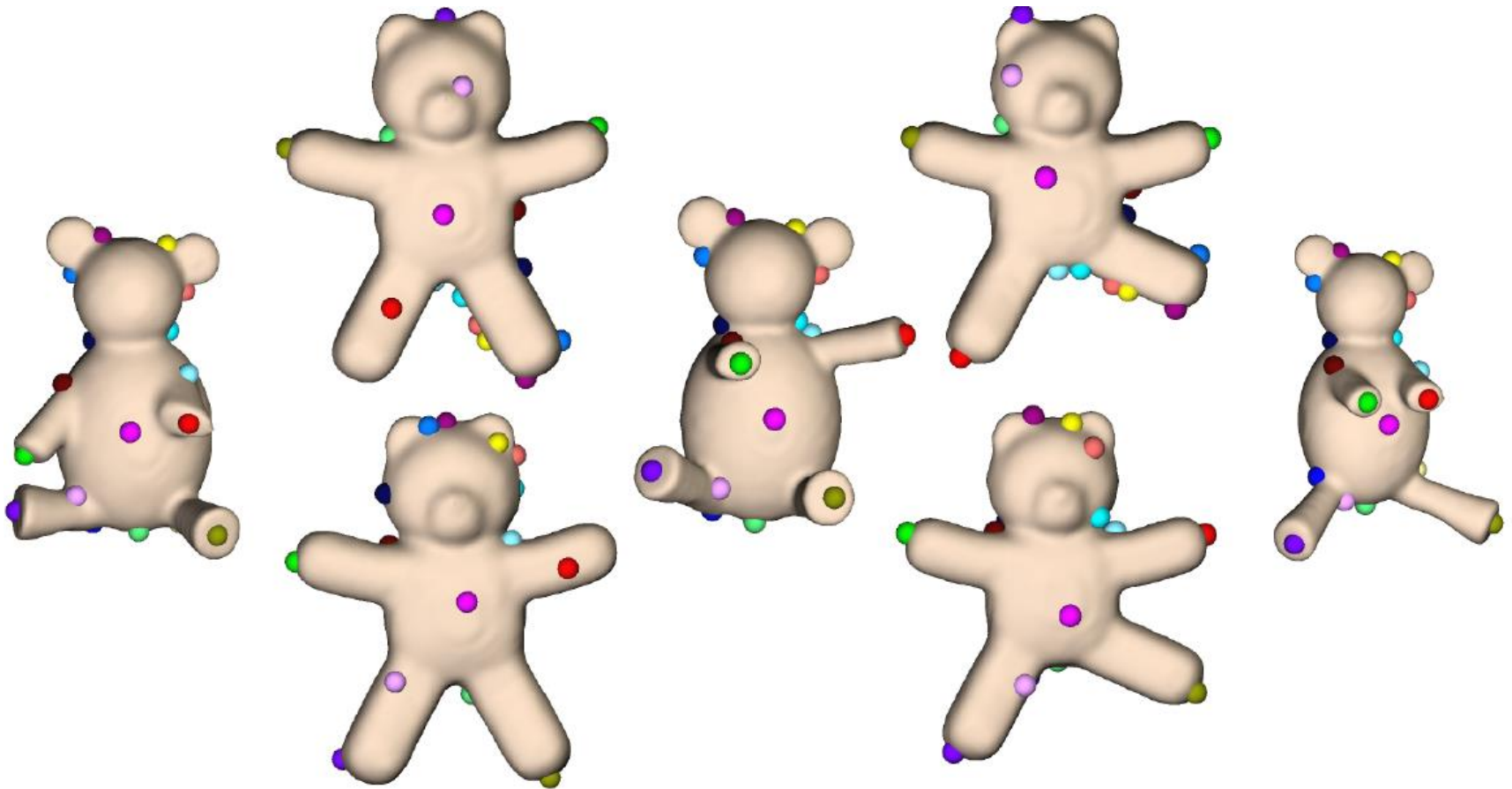


Design and analysis

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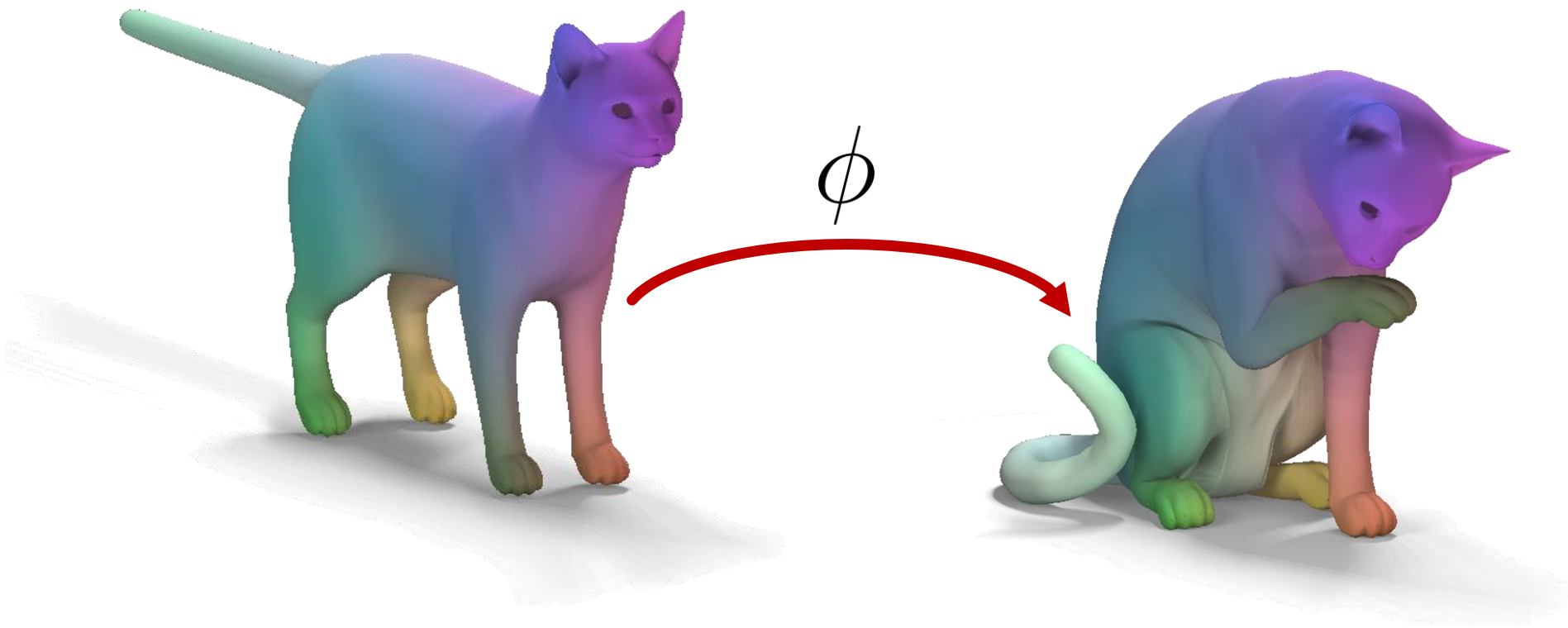
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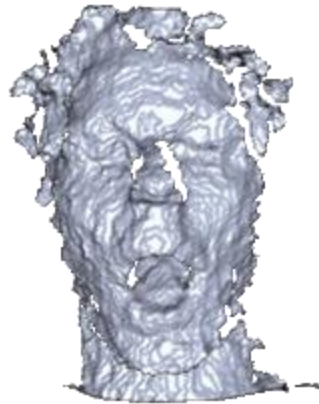
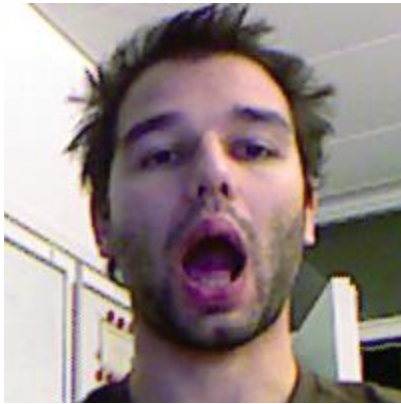
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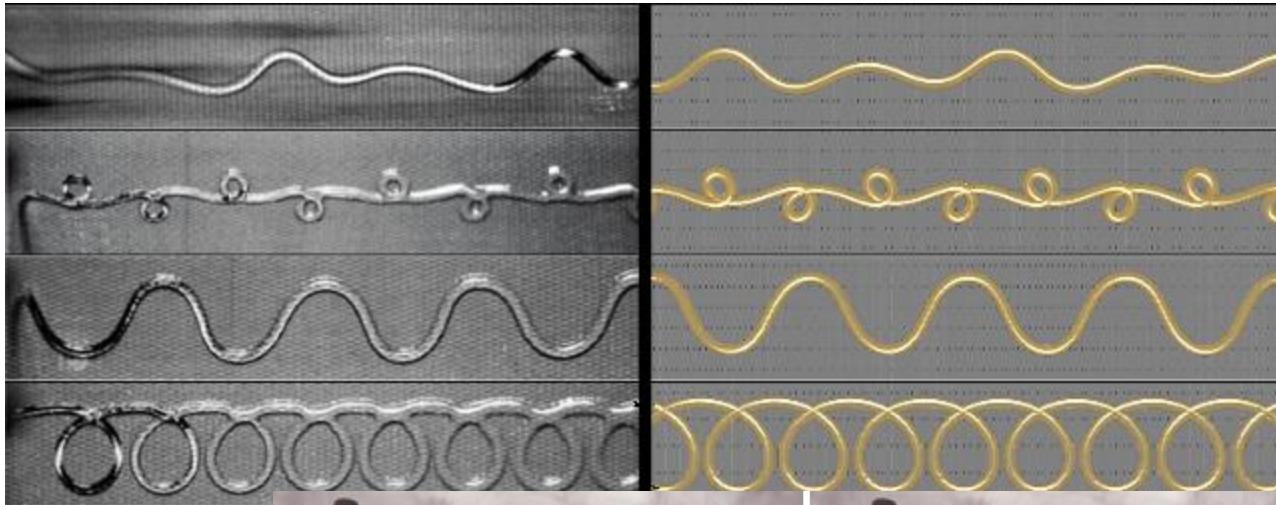
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Deformation transfer

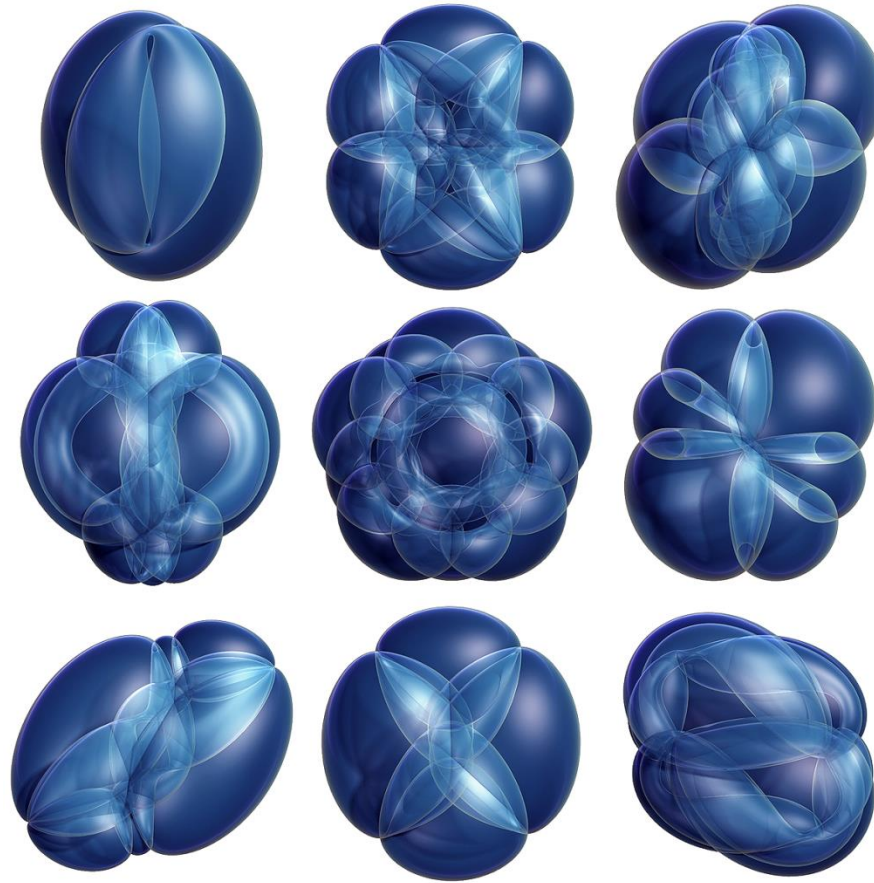
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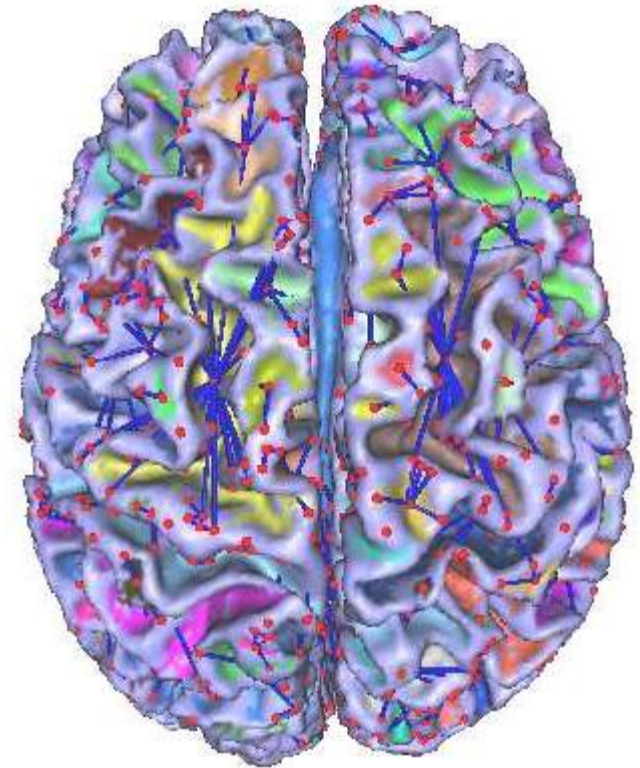
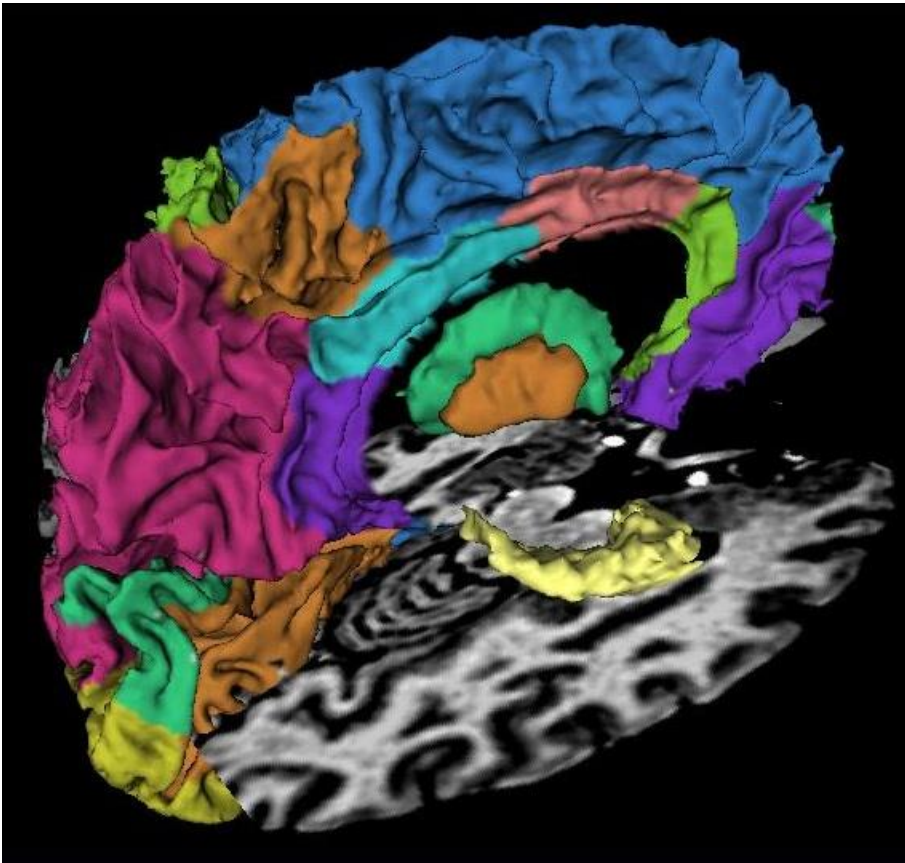
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Scientific visualization

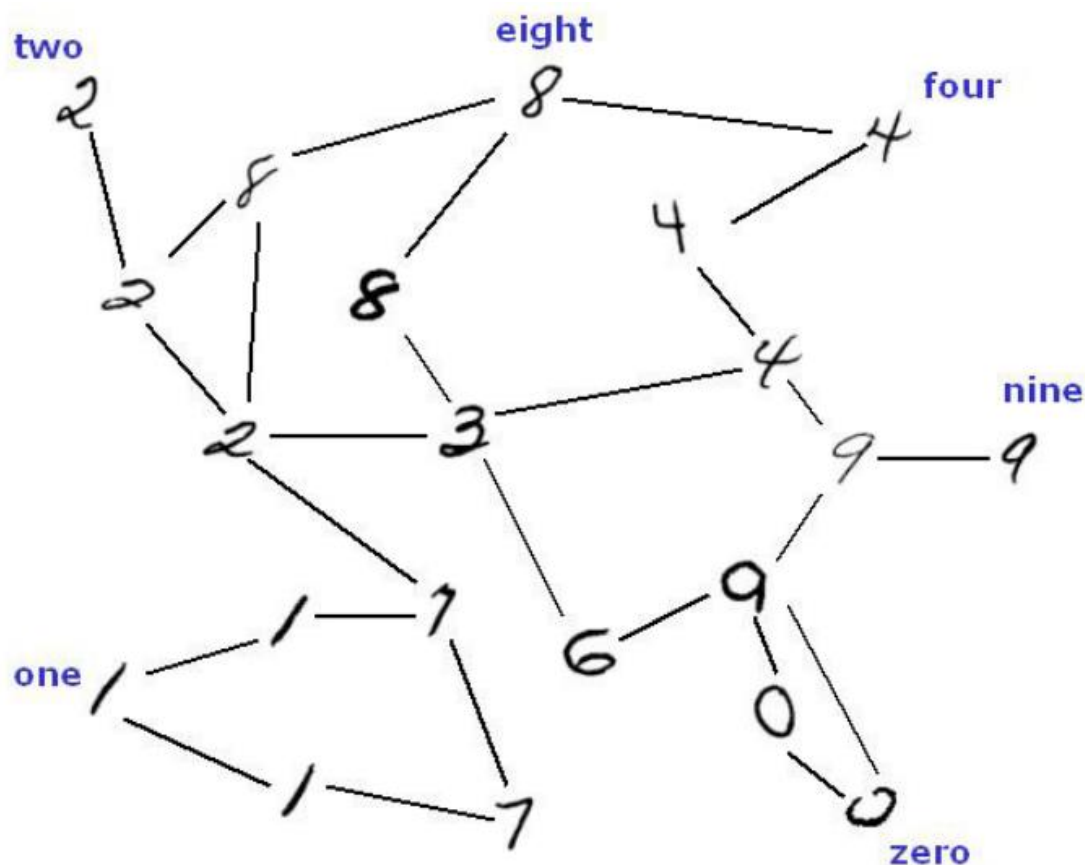
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Segmentation

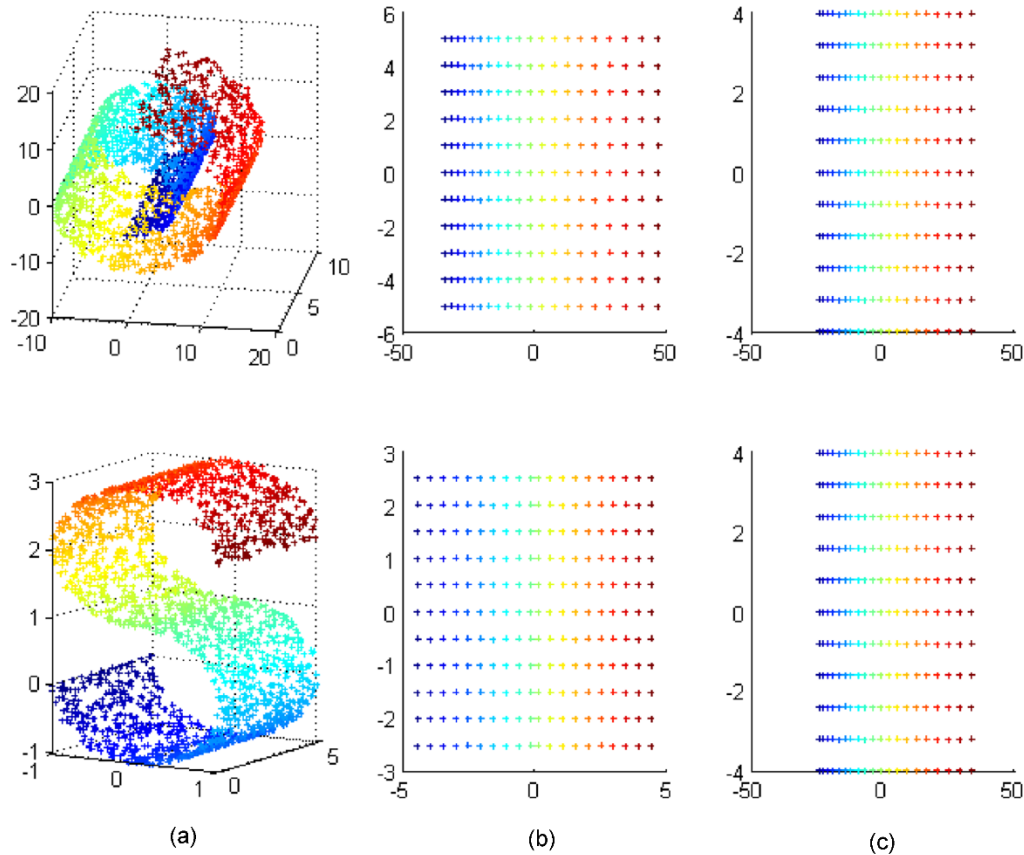
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